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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
 Craft Masonry.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Southwood, W.M., presided. About thirty brethren attended, and among them were Bros. E. J. Goodman, S.W.; E. S. Foot, as J.W.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, Treas.; C. J. Atkins, Sec.; O. Latrielle, I.G.; H. L. Dean, Org.; A. Lear Room, W.M. 1227; P. R. Protheroe, 375; J. B. Lambe, 145; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). The work of the evening consisted of raising Bros. Fildew and Cadencrad, and passing Bros. Kirby and Hart. After the completion of this work, a resolution was passed appointing a Committee for forming bye-laws for re-establishing a benevolent fund. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., P.M., Treas., a vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. and Bro. Atkins, the Secretary, for the highly successful summer festival lately held. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of supper at Freemasons' Tavern. The toasts followed, and Dr. Hogg, P.G.D., P.M. and Treas., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and in the course of his reply, referring to his connection with the Hervey Lodge, said he should always strive to serve the lodge with all his heart. Whatever funds were entrusted to his care would be laid out by him with the same care as if they were his own. He was constantly seeking the welfare of the lodge, and to do so properly he attended all its meetings. Even though he had illness at home at the present time he could not separate himself from the brethren, and one of his greatest pleasures out of his home was to be in this lodge. "The Visitors" toast was responded to by Bros. Lambe, Lear Room, Protheroe, Massey, and Morgan. Dr. Hogg proposed, "The Health of the W.M." He stated that Bro. Southwood continued to maintain his supremacy over the affections of every member of the lodge. The W.M. always found some new thing between their periods of meeting for them to thank him for. Since they last met they had a very pleasant summer festival in August, when all the brethren had a happy day. The W.M. said he wished them to be happy, and he put himself to a great deal of inconvenience to make the pleasure of the day perfect. Fortunately they had very fine weather on that day, although about that time there was much unpleasant weather. After the working of the lodge, they drove to a most delightful part of the country, where they enjoyed some lovely scenery, in addition to the other pleasures of the day. The W.M. was mainly instrumental in bringing about the happiness of the brethren on that occasion, and it behoved the brethren now to remember that fact and to give the toast a warm reception. The W.M., in reply, said it was always a pleasure to find the efforts made by a W.M. for the enjoyment of the brethren and the honour of the Craft met with the satisfaction of the brethren. First, it was pleasing to him personally; and, secondly, he felt he had discharged a duty which devolved on him in the capacity to which the brethren had elected him. The Master of a lodge should at all times be able to command, not simply the satisfaction, but the appreciation of the brethren, and he had been particularly happy in his second year of office, untrammelled by any fetters, to obtain from the members of the lodge the full meed of their satisfaction for the work done. He sometimes thought they were much more liberal than his humble efforts justified. He recognised when he was placed in the chair the very responsible duties appertaining to his office, and, above all, when he left the chair he hoped it would be practically brought out that he left behind him in the working of the lodge a pleasant recognition of his year of office. If he lived many more years even than he expected he should retain the most vivid recollection of the happy days he had spent in the lodge. While Master of the

lodge he trusted it might please T.G.A.O.T.U. so to exercise his mind and inclination, and so to dispose his will that what he did as W.M. he might do, not simply to meet with the brethren's satisfaction, but that it might redound to the honour and welfare of the Craft. For he maintained that much as we might be esteemed in our individual capacity we had each and all of us to fulfil a certain duty. When he joined the Hervey Lodge, some five years ago, he found too soon for his own happiness that there were certain elements that would lead to the ruin of the lodge, and he determined if it were possible to hold on to the actual work until such time that he should be elected W.M., and then, with the hearty co-operation of the members of the lodge, to reform those blots which had become conspicuous, to put on, as it were, a new coat and start afresh, and show to the Craft that the individual blemishes should not be allowed to extend, and so pollute the whole Craft; to recognise whatever little evil there was, and purge themselves of it; to show to the Craft generally that they were not brethren who should be laid under the ban of contumely, but rather, that like the fabled phoenix, they could rise from the ashes a living body full of vitality, and able to make themselves felt through all the ramifications of the Order. The resolution it had been his pleasing duty to get passed that evening was one which would make the Hervey Lodge a power in the Craft. The effect of the resolution was that instead of the major part of their money being devoted to refreshment it would be given for the furtherance of the true principles of Masonry. Out of the initiation and joining fees he should submit that one-half should go to the benevolent fund. He also should propose to raise the annual subscription from three guineas to £3 10s., and devote the ten shillings to the benevolent fund. These were the main alterations he should propose, and he hoped the Committee would recommend them, and that when the recommendation came before the lodge the brethren would pass them unanimously. He also hoped that the brethren of the lodge would qualify themselves as Governors of the Institutions. He did not expect any brother who could not afford it to do so, but the W.M.'s eye would be on those who could afford it. The other toasts were afterwards given, and the brethren separated.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and was very numerous attended by both members and visitors. Bros. Stanway, W.M.; Freeman, S.W.; Blackie, J.W.; Catchpole, S.D.; Hamer, J.D.; Headon, Treas.; Moody, Sec.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; Taylor, I.G.; Jenkins, Organist; W. H. Hook, Steward; Thompson (*Freemason*); and a long list of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Thones Tewn, P.G.D., Rorsignol, 1216; Alcock, 1149; Baup, Vraie Union; Berryman, P.M. 3; Lake, 1471; Davis, P.M. 95 and 172; a P.M. of 104, and one of 27 (names illegible); M'Kay, W.M. 720; Benstead, 657; Saul, S.W. 1201; Churchill, W.M. 615; Mackney, 299, P.P.C.O. Kent; Dakins, 1669; Carper, 1246; Eastgate, 1563; T. Harper, 1216; Edmondston, W.M. 1658; Bradley, 1669; Kerrell, 145; Brook, 73; Sutton, P.M. 73; Binet, 179; Preston, 1669; Green, 225; Light, 959; Partridge, 1445; Medwin, 1613; O'Connor, 636; Manger, 1314; George Kenning, P.M. 192, P.G.D. Middlesex; Latrielle, 1260; Fountain, S.W. 1216; Pritchard, P.M. 117; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; Richardson, 1658; Reeding, 1475; Thomas, 1396; Vernon, 1441; Lane, 1275; Saunders, 1293, and others. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular and an emergency meetings read and confirmed, Bro. Freeman, S.W., and W.M. elect, was presented to receive from the retiring W.M. (Bro. Stanway) the benefit of installation. The brethren below the chair having retired, a Board of twenty Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Freeman was, in due form, installed as Master of the lodge. The brethren having been admitted, and the W.M. saluted in the different degrees, he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Blackie, S.W.; Catchpole, J.W.; Headon, Treasurer; Moody, Secretary; Simpson, Chaplain; Haner, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Kiffle, I.G.; Hook, D.C.; Jenkins, Organist; Steedman, P.M. Tyler. The customary address were delivered by Bro. Stanway, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren and visitors then retired to the large hall, where a splendid banquet was provided. On the withdrawal of the cloth, grace was sung by Bros. Thornton and Kempton, and Messrs. Frost and Hanson. The W. Master then said, the toast he was about to propose was one that was always well received by Freemasons, as it was that of "The Queen." He need say nothing of her, as she was loved and honoured by all. He gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was well responded to, and followed by the National Anthem. The W.M. said—Brethren, the next toast I have to propose is "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and said as a man and a Mason we ought to be very proud of him. I have not had the honour of meeting him in Grand Lodge, and, therefore, I cannot speak personally of his working, but I understand from others that he does everything that is required of him in the high position in which he is placed. The toast was enthusiastically received. Mr. Hanson sung in exquisite style, Dibdin's well known "Tom Bowling," and there was an unanimous encore. The W.M.—Brethren, I rise to propose "The Health of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G., the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." With respect to the Worshipful Pro Grand Master I had the pleasure of seeing his working in the Grand Lodge, and I must say that I was struck with the gentlemanly and courteous manner in which he conducted the affairs of Grand Lodge, and the same remarks will apply to

Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master. They had that night the pleasure of seeing two Grand Officers at their table, and he had coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Fenn and Simpson." Mr. J. Harper played a solo on the trumpet and was encored. Bro. R. J. Simpson said, after having listened to such delightful sounds as they had just heard it would ill become them, as Grand Officers, to blow their own trumpet, but he would say that their illustrious Grand Master shed a lustre on the Order to which they had the honour to belong. The duties of the Grand Lodge were sometimes of a very trying character, but he trusted that they would always do what they were then most ably doing, promoting a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe, and promulgating the principles of Freemasonry over the different quarters of the world. He thanked the W. Master for again placing him in the high position of their Chaplain, an office which he had held in the lodge from the time of its consecration and he was deeply indebted to the Worshipful Master for that appointment. In addition to any duties he might have to perform as the Chaplain of their lodge, whether it was in the time of sickness or sorrow, should any member wish for his assistance, at all times his humble services would always be at his command. He had heard a few years ago from a brother not a hundred miles from where they then were, that he looked upon his admission into Masonry as a great blessing, for it had been to him the turning point in his life, for during the ceremony of his initiation, although he did not know the voice, it was one that reached his heart when he was asked, "In times of difficulty or danger in whom do you put your trust?" That question, not put to him irreverently or heedlessly, had such an effect in bringing out the feelings of his heart, such a powerful influence upon him, that from that very moment he became a changed and different man, and if he (Bro. Simpson) dared to mention his name it would be found amongst the most eminent Masons of the present day. As their Bro. Fenn was with them that night they hailed his presence with the greatest pleasure, and he might say that he was present at every lodge throughout the country, and he did not flatter Bro. Fenn, but he spoke the truth when he said that the Lodge of Emulation affected every other lodge in the kingdom, and wherever that working was adopted there was Bro. Fenn present amongst them. The reverend brother then related that he had lately visited a town called Dunwich, on the coast of Suffolk, of whose geographical position until then he was ignorant, and he found that it was a most ancient place, having existed since the time of King John, that it at one time, sent two members to Parliament, but the sea had washed away its ancient landmarks, but it had no promontory like Dover, which had stood the storms of centuries. So in Masonry there was still preserved a great moral principle and landmarks, which had escaped the ravages of time and tide. Freemasonry had stood its trial against all the shafts of ridicule levelled at it on the one hand, and against the anathemas of superstition on the other. Their only duty was to uphold their principles, make Freemasonry what it should be, amidst good repute and evil repute, and preserve that noble character it should always maintain. Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., said when he entered the lodge that evening and beheld Bro. Simpson, he felt and believed that he should be relieved from the pleasure of returning thanks for any toast, but he found himself in the position of no ordinary difficulty in having to respond to a toast, the subject of which had been already exhausted by one of the most eloquent members of the Craft, so that he hardly knew what to say. Before, however, he spoke to the toast, he must deliver a message he had received yesterday from Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, which was to express his regret, in consequence of illness, of being unable to be present with them that night, and that was an announcement he was sure they would all share with regret. He (Bro. Fenn) had not been with them for two years, but he did not think it was so long, as time had so rapidly passed away, but during that period they had lost Bro. Bagshawe, the Provincial Grand Master for Essex, Sir Frederick Williams, and last, but not least, Bro. Tomkins. That, however, was not a pleasant subject to contemplate after dinner, and, therefore, he would take up a more pleasant subject than speaking of the losses they had sustained. He would ask them to look at the accessions they had received to Freemasonry of late years, and which formed their sheet anchor, for they had the Prince of Wales presiding over them, and two princes of the blood in the other two chairs. Therefore, while Freemasonry was supported by the throne on the one hand, and religion on the other, they might look forward with confidence to the future, when it was thus maintained by the great and good of the land. He (Bro. Fenn) had been a Past and Present Grand Officer for fourteen years, and he could state confidently from his experience of the Grand Officers, and assure them that they were most desirous of maintaining Freemasonry in all the prosperity it possessed at the present time. Their Bro. Simpson had alluded to his connection with the Lodge of Emulation, and he was hardly tempted to add anything to what he had said, except to say that he agreed with him that they had been engaged for about twenty years in bringing about a proper and decorous working of Freemasonry. He would not take it upon himself, but he would say that he believed the Lodge of Emulation had worked a marked effect, for he recollected the time when there was very irreverent and slovenly working, but that was now the exception, and the change was due to the improved ideas of the new candidates who entered their Order. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked them for the kind compliment that they had paid to them that evening. Bro. Stanway, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Freeman, and after referring to the liberal advance of money he had made for the establishing of the lodge, said he was a man whose

hand was guided by justice, and his heart expanded by benevolence, and he hoped the Most High would give him health and strength to conduct the affairs of the lodge with credit to himself and the satisfaction of its members. The W. Master said he felt the full weight of the responsibility that had fallen upon him in being called upon, to fulfil a lodge of such importance as the Great City Lodge. As to the remarks of Bro. Stanway, he felt that he did not deserve a tithe of what he had said of him, but he had done his best, and next to his duty to God his duty would be to his lodge, and if he did that he did not think that he should be going very far wrong. He thanked them very sincerely for the high honour they had conferred upon him in placing him in the chair of the lodge, it was an honour he highly appreciated, and he hoped to hand down that honour to his successor pure and unsullied. The W. Master next gave "The Immediate Past Master, and Installing Master, Bro. Stanway, and having done so presented Bro. Stanway with a Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the lodge, which he said he had fairly earned, and hoped he might live many years to wear it. Bro. Stanway in returning thanks said, at the termination of his year of office he had to express the pleasure with which he had passed through it, and to thank the brethren for the kind support they had given to him, and also to the officers of the lodge, for without their assistance his efforts would have been of little avail in bringing their beautiful ceremonies before the lodge. The assistance he had received from his officers was everything that a Master could desire, and he left the chair and the officers with peace and happiness prevailing amongst them. The jewel they had that night presented to him would be a memento which would never be effaced from his memory, and he should always remember with pleasure that he had been associated with the members of that great prosperous and influential lodge. Bro. Stevens in a long speech returned thanks for the Past Masters. "The Visitors," was next given, for which Bros. Davis and Edwards then severally returned thanks. The W. Master then gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Headon and Moody. Bro. Headon, in responding, said the brethren knew that he was always very brief in what he had to say, and as time was on the wing he would be as brief as possible. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and in the coming year he hoped to do what he had done in the past, and at the end of the year to entitle himself to their confidence by bringing forward a good balance in their favour. Bro. Moody, the Secretary, also responded, and, after the Tyler's toast had been given, the proceedings were brought to a close. The professionals engaged for the musical performances were Bros. Bertrams Thornton, Kempton; and Messrs. W. Frost, Hanson, and T. Harper. Bro. H. Frost presided at the piano-forte.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Bro. R. T. Kingham, W.M., presiding. Above one hundred brethren were present, and among them were Bros. T. Adams, P.G.P.; James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, &c.; F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Charles Hill, P.M.; Thomas Beard, P.M. 101; H. Massey (*Freemason*). The W.M. raised Bros. C. W. Blake, and F. J. Perks, and passed Bro. W. F. Bates. He then installed Bro. John Douglass, S.W. and W.M. elect (Proprietor of the Standard Theatre), as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. R. T. Kingham, I.P.M.; C. J. Scales, S.W.; W. Side, J.W.; James Willing, jun., P.M., Treasurer; G. Colls, J.D.; H. Stiles, I.G.; George Clark, D.C.; H. Lovegrove, W.S. and A.S.; S. W. Brumell, Steward; W. M. Stiles, Secretary; and J. Daly, Tyler. Bro. Kingham afterwards delivered the addresses. The W.M., when the ceremony was completed, initiated Messrs. Alfred Mellon, James Markie, Launcelot Hollingsworth, David Morgan, and George Frederick Hall. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. R. T. Kingham, I.P.M., for his eminent services to the lodge during his year of office. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Kingham, for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Bro. Clemow, proprietor of Anderton's Hotel, for allowing the use of the room for the meeting of the lodge. Both votes were moved by Bro. James Willing, jun., and seconded by Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M. At the conclusion of the day's work the brethren adjourned to Mellon's Covent Garden Hotel, where a splendid banquet was in readiness for them. After disposing of the excellent repast the usual toasts were honoured. All the speeches were very short, and the toasts loyal to the Crown and the Rulers of the Craft did not long stand in the way of those which were to follow. Bro. Thomas Adams replied for the Grand Officers, and after acknowledging the compliment paid to the heads of the Order, expressed first his pleasure and then his astonishment at the enormous success of the Metropolitan Lodge. To him of course it was a peculiar pleasure, seeing he was one of the founders, and now the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction held under the warrant of the mother lodge. Bro. R. T. Kingham, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that Bro. Douglass had been a member of this lodge from its commencement. He was not quite sure whether he was one of the founders or not, but he believed he was. He knew this, however, that he had worked up from a comparatively humble office in the lodge to the exalted position he now held. He believed the lodge had every reason to congratulate itself that it had such a Master, and he thought Bro. Douglass had every reason to congratulate himself on being the Master of a lodge so worthy and respectable. Bro. Adams had referred to the size of the lodge, and had said that the lodge had been in existence

four years, and during that time had made wonderful progress. It now exceeded in numbers some of the oldest and most respectable lodges in the kingdom, and he might almost say that it equalled in respectability any lodge in the kingdom. He hoped that during Bro. Douglass's year of office the Metropolitan Lodge would continue to grow in numbers, and that the W.M. would have every reason to be proud of it, and that it would have every reason to be proud of him. The toast having been honoured with great warmth by the brethren, Bro. Douglass in acknowledging it, said he was exceedingly obliged to all the brethren for the way they had received his name, and it would be an incentive to him to perform the duties of his office to the very best of his ability. He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. R. T. Kingham, the Installing Master." Most of the brethren knew that after a very hard campaign a soldier returned home and required a little rest. After having had a campaign, however victorious he might have been, the soldier required a little rest, and it was a great gratification to him to find that his countrymen appreciated his services, and that his King or Queen decorated his breast in recognition of what he had done. It was now his (the W.M.'s) pleasing duty to decorate a Master who had succeeded in what he had undertaken, who had done hard work in the lodge, and now needed rest. He would receive from the Principal of this lodge, on behalf of the lodge, a jewel, in commemoration of the services he had rendered to the lodge. He hoped that when brethren saw in lodge the jewel on Bro. Kingham's breast it would bring to their minds the services he had rendered to the lodge, and that it would also serve to remind Bro. Kingham himself of the many duties he had performed; because it had been a pleasure, he (the W.M.) was quite certain, to minister to the wants of the brethren during the last twelve months. This toast, like the former, was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Kingham, in replying said, that when he was installed in the chair, and had to make his first appearance at the head of the lodge, he thought that the most appropriate figure of speech he could make use of was to say that that was the happiest moment of his life. Now that he was what Bro. Willing would call a show—a Past Master of the lodge—he hardly knew whether to express the period as the most happy period of his life. He could assure the brethren that the duties he had had to perform in the lodge he had performed to the utmost of his ability, and he trusted he had given satisfaction. He could also say it had always been pleasing to him, though no doubt he had had many shortcomings. He had performed the Master's work during his year of office, and he had now installed in the chair a worthy and distinguished brother. Naturally he felt very proud of the position he had attained, and he fully appreciated the compliments the W.M. had paid him. He hoped during the W.M.'s year of office that he (Bro. Kingham) would be able to render him some assistance in the discharge of his duties. He had no doubt Bro. Douglass would not require much assistance from him, but if he did he (Bro. Kingham) should consider he was discharging a part of his duties in rendering the W.M. that assistance. The other toasts were "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M., "The Initiates," acknowledged by each of those brethren, "The Visitors," for whom four brethren responded. "The Masonic Charities," acknowledged by Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. "The Treasurer and Secretary," responded to by Bro. James Willing, jun., and Bro. Wm. Stiles. "The Officers," acknowledged by the S.W., and the Tyler's toast. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; C. G. Hill, P.M. 1366; Geo. Lee, 40 (Canada); E. J. Massie, 993; E. E. Barratt Kidder, 12; A. Rayner, 1201; E. Ayres, 742; J. Yeomas, W.M. 167; J. G. Humphrys, 167; L. Jacobs, 1589; J. C. Dwarber, P.M. 55; J. Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.J.W., Herts, R.M.B.J.; A. Allworth, P.M. 1261, &c.; C. W. Hudson 315; C. Stevens, P.M. 101; W. S. Cooke, 25; B. Kauffmann, 1732; T. Vernon, 25; S. Sones, P.M. 1425; T. Crabtree, 274; F. West, 1076; C. B. Putland, 1732; A. Sturt, 1328; E. R. Freebody, 87; W. H. Ball; George Hall, 1076; M. Mildred, 1326; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; F. W. Sillis, 1744; J. L. Bligh, 1414.

THE ALL SAINTS' LODGE (No. 1716).—The installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge, consecrated only on the 21st September, 1877, was held at the Town Hall, Poplar, on Friday, the 4th inst. At five o'clock the W.M., Bro. W. H. Farnfield, opened the lodge, and after reading and confirming the minutes of the last regular meeting, and two emergency meetings, and receiving and adopting the report of the Audit Committee, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation commenced. At this time there were many visitors in the lodge, including Bros. James Terry, Prov. Grand Warden Herts; E. M. Hubback, P.M. 58; J. A. Farnfield, P.M. 256; H. J. Lewis, P.M. 907; C. J. Salmon, P.M. 173; George Payne, P.G.S., P.M. 1; Bradshaw Brown, 1; Gresham Barber, 74 (Birmingham); Venn, and several other brethren. Bro. John Dennis, P.M. 907, and S.W., was presented and installed by Bro. W. H. Farnfield, according to ancient custom, and the new W.M. appointed as his officers: Bro. J. K. Coleman, S.W.; Leonard Potts, J.W.; Turner, S.D.; Young, I.D.; Bates, I.G.; and House, D.C. Bro. N. J. Fenner, P.M. 162, who had been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, was again invested with the collar of that office, and Bro. Bracebridge P.M. 781, was appointed Secretary. Bro. Hubback gave the address to the W.M., and Bro. Terry those to the Wardens and brethren. After the ordinary business was transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, also served in the Town

Hall, by Bro. Grist, of Hackney. This gave universal satisfaction, and after the loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. W. H. Farnfield, and on behalf of the lodge, presented him with a P.M.'s jewel, wishing him long life and health to wear it. The gift was, however, supplemented by a handsome gold watch, chain, and locket, which the W.M. presented in the names of the brethren individually, with a hope that while in Masonry the jewel would remind Bro. Farnfield of the estimation of his services, the chain would daily afford him proof that the members of the All Saints' were not unmindful of the attention and interest he had given during his year of office for the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Farnfield in thanking the brethren for the honour paid him, stated that the jewel with which he had been invested was one of the most handsome he had ever seen, and although it was on the minutes that a Past Master's jewel was to be presented to him, he little thought that the gift would be so valuable, or that it would be supplemented by the chain, &c., which he had had the pleasure to receive. The toast of "The Charities" was responded to by Bro. Terry, and the W.M. gave in his name as Steward of the Benevolent Institution, Bro. Lewis, a visitor, authorising his name to be placed on the list for a donation of 10 guineas. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Grout, Org. 1716, assisted by Bros. Carter, Simons and Th. Distin.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, October 3rd, at the Masonic Hall. Bro. Frank Wilkinson, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. F. J. Brown, I.P.M., and P.P.G.S.W. Somerset; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., and others. The officers being Bros. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Peel Floyd, acting S.W.; P. Braham, J.W.; Wilton, jun., acting S.D.; C. Radway, J.D.; T. E. Wilton, D.C.; Capt. Robinson, I.G.; W. Hunt, Secretary pro tem.; Bigwood, Tyler; Ames and Holmes, Stewards. The other members W. L. Baldwin, Org.; E. J. B. Mercer, Robt. Carey, P.M.; S. G. Mitchell, P.M., &c.; W. B. Gregory, S. S. Parton, John Clewers, W. Peach, Rich. Mann, E. Stiles, John Cartmel, J. W. Murlis. The visitors were Bros. W. H. Dill, P.M. 906; H. J. Freeman, 906; Harry Brumby, 112, N.Y.; J. A. Luce, 639; W. Stocks, 145; F. Glover, 906. The lodge was opened at 7.45, and the minutes of last regular and emergency lodges were read, confirmed, and passed. Two brethren, Bros. Chivers and Parton, were carefully examined, and passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony most impressively, and complimenting the candidates on their proficiency in their answers. Letters were read from Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, G. Falkner, Col. Guyon, and Major Preston, apologising for unavoidable absence. A candidate, Mr. H. B. Smith, properly balloted for at the last meeting, being presented, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. J. Wilkinson, the charge was given by Bro. Moutrie, P.M., &c., the working tools of both Degrees being presented by Bro. Braham, J.W.; the newly-initiated returning thanks for the privilege in very appropriate terms. The amended bye-laws, as approved by the V.W. Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, Lord Carnarvon, were read, and ordered to be printed, and issued to the brethren. Bro. J. Wilkinson, W.M., then proposed Mr. Henry Lane Brown, son of the respected I.P.M., and Capt. Peel Floyd seconded, as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Cartmel proposed, and Bro. Robinson seconded, Mr. Fredk. Willis, for initiation. This concluding the business, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and solemn prayer at 9.45.

ABERGAVENTY.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 818).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 4th inst. There were present a large attendance of brethren. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bro. W. C. Freeman, P.M., and after the usual preliminary ceremony a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Thomas Harry, the W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being most efficiently rendered by Bro. G. H. Gorrin, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. The W.M. after receiving the usual salutes appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. H. R. Barrett, S.W.; J. Marsh, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Osman, Chaplain; V. A. Julius, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Freeman, Sec.; W. Eames, S.D.; I. C. L. H. Little, J.D.; G. H. Gorrin, P.M., D.C.; C. Howells, Org.; E. Hampton, I.G.; J. Thomas and J. Jones, Stewards. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Gorrin, the Installing Officer, and the meeting terminated. In consequence of unavoidable circumstances the installation banquet was postponed until December next.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The last regular meeting of this prosperous Provincial Lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when there were present amongst others. Bros. S. H. Knaggs, W.M.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. of Norfolk, Treasurer, acting S.W.; W. Taylor, J.W.; W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Works, Middlesex, Secretary; W. H. Saunders, P.G.D. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; Dr. Clark, P.M.; Vaughan S.D.; Ashley, J.D.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, acting I.G.; Richnoll, Steward. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. H. Court, S.W., who was absent in consequence of a severe domestic bereavement. Bro. Tomlinson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison reappointed Tyler. A vote of condolence was also unanimously passed to Bro. Court, W.M. elect, for the great loss he had sustained. Upon the motion of Bro. Wigginton and Saunders, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Knaggs, who happily returned thanks for the honour conferred. There being no other

business before the lodge, it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. The preliminary toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Wigginton, Saunders, and Walls responded on behalf of "The Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers of Middlesex." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., in which he congratulated him the W.M. upon his improved health, and the pleasure which it had afforded all the members to see him once more presiding over them. This toast having been most warmly received, the W.M. made a very feeling response. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. Wigginton, Tomlinson, and Saunders, "The W.M. elect and the Principal Officers," by Bro. Taylor, J.W.; and "The Junior Officers," by Bro. Walls. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, and the brethren separated until the second Wednesday in November next, when Bro. Court will be duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—At the regular meeting of this lodge on Monday, the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G.D.C., presiding, with a full attendance of officers, members, and visitors. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. G. Balford, P.M., P.G. Org., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. P. Pearson, Tyler. The work of the lodge consisted of a passing, and the W.M. proposed as a joining member Bro. Wm. Lawton, P.M. York Lodge, 236, P.P.G. Reg. He also presented to the lodge library on behalf of Bro. MacCalla, Editor of the *Krystone*, Philadelphia, copies of his works on operative Masonry, and the origin of American Freemasonry. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Major Shaw-Hellier, W.M.; and Capt. Murphy, J.W. St. Patricks Lodge, 295 (I.C.); Haffner, P.M.; W. T. Gowland, 236; W. H. Sampson, 236; and others.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—This summer lodge held its fifth and last regular meeting of the season on the 2nd inst., and, as usual on the closing occasion, was well and worthily represented. The W.M., Bro. G. Tidcombe, was supported by Bros. Ebbs, S.W.; Marshall, J.W.; Rogers, Treasurer; C. Veal, Secretary; Ray, S.D.; Long, J.D.; Helsdon, P.M. and D.C.; Garrod, P.M.; Middleton, Tyler, numerous members, and visitors. Bros. Honeywell, P.M. 889; Hall, 34; Welford, J.W. 733. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. at 3.50, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, he proceeded to examine Bro. Paten, preparatory for the Second Degree, gave the necessary instructions on his retirement, and opened the lodge in the Second Degree. He then passed the worthy brother to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and called forward Bros. Tyrell and Schmidt to undergo the usual examination prior to the Third Degree, both proving satisfactory, they were sent for preparation, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. then raised one brother to the Sublime Degree of M.Ms., and the members present expressed great satisfaction at the impressive manner in which the respected W.M. performed both ceremonies, tending still more to maintain the well-earned reputation the lodge has gained for good working. This completing the agenda, the W.M. resumed to First Degree, and on making inquiries for the good of the Craft, and receiving hearty good wishes from each of the visiting brethren, closed the lodge with solemn prayer in peace and harmony, at 6.10. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, where all passed off very happily, the evening's enjoyment much enhanced by the able assistance of Bro. Honeywell, as Organist, whose name in the profession is so well-known, both in Surrey and Middlesex. The musical abilities of several members were also as usual fully appreciated. The W.M., in effective and appropriate terms, gave the time honoured toasts, and in particular when he gave "The Officers of the Lodge," dwelt, with great satisfaction, upon the presence again of his J.W., Bro. Henry Marshall, for the first time since his serious accident, caused by his praiseworthy conduct in helping neighbours in a case of fire. The worthy brother, in reply, expressed, with great warmth, his gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for sparing him to come amongst them again, and his evidently sincere affection for his brethren of the lodge, many of whom he personally thanked for their visits and sympathies. The visitors replied separately to the toast in their honour, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the usual hearty welcome which is always accorded to them. The W.M. also returned thanks for the high eulogium passed upon himself by P. M. Garrod, and asked the brethren to support as usual his charity box, which was duly responded to, therewith the Tyler's benediction passed away the season of 1878, alike to the credit of the lodge as to Bro. C. Veal, the host of the hotel, whose name is becoming well-known in that capacity, as well as a Mason of some distinction.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 193).—A meeting was held on Saturday last, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present:—Bros. Hallam, sen., W.M.; Lorkin, S.W.; Pabbs, J.W.; Killick, Sec.; Halford, Treas.; E. Parr, S.D.; J. Mullington, J.D.; G. H. Millington, I.G.; R. Pearcey, Preceptor. After the usual preliminary business, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and several sections of the Second and First Lectures were worked by the W.M. and Preceptor. Bro. G. H. Calderwood, of the Crusader's Lodge, 1677, was declared a member, and Bro. Lorkin appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on Saturday, the 26th inst., Bro. S. E. Moss, P.M. 185, will preside.

THE METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Tuesday the

8th inst., at 7 o'clock. Present Bros. Edmonds, W.M.; Pierdon, S.W.; Kidder, jun., J.W.; Putland, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Adams, Preceptor; Gilbert, Andrews, Dimsdale, Carter, Cox, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Andrews was duly initiated and afterwards passed and raised in the established Degrees of the Order in a most able and impressive way by Bro. Edmonds the W.M. Bro. Andrews was afterwards unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. for the ensuing week was duly appointed, and no other business being on hand, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned until Tuesday next, the 15th inst., at 7 o'clock.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee, presided, and there were present among others Bros. John Boyd, Wm. Mann, James A. Birch, J. L. Hine, John Wordsworth, James Dunsford, Joshua Nunn, Alfred Tisley, Wm. A. Thorp, W. Hyde-Pullen, H. Hacker, Wm. Benham, C. F. Matier, A. T. Godson, Wm. Robt. Woodman, M.D.; S. Rawson, Henry Browne, sen., F. W. Tyerman, W. Payne, Geo. Page, W. Wooton, W. B. Adamson, L. Finch, R. B. Webster, F. H. Burish, John G. Marsh, H. A. Dubois, Thos. W. White, John Hill, A. H. Tattershall, W. Downing, Major E. H. Finney, A. W. Stead, W. Noak, G. F. Lancaster, J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Sec. Hants and I.W.; Charles Godtschalk, Griffiths Smith, R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., Somersct; P. T. Thompson, H. Cox, Raynham W. Stewart, Thomas Hill, S. P. Norris, W. H. Spaul, Alfred C. Spaul, F. G. Baker, Wm. Roebuck, A. H. Diaper, John G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, M. D. Loewenstark, Frederick Binckes (Sec. Boys' School), W. Westsmith, Richard Trill, C. A. Cottebrune, E. S. Snell, D. Roberts, Geo. Jeffery, L. Stean, A. D. Loewenstark, Geo. T. Fox, Edward Clark, Ernest H. Stammwitz, David Haslett, Louis Hirsch, J. M. Klenck, Richard Boncey, Richard Norris, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After reading and confirmation of the minutes of previous Court, Col. Creaton moved "That a Sub-Committee, consisting of five members of the General Committee, be appointed to take into consideration the desirability of revising the laws, and report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next." He said it must be in the recollection of many of the brethren that there was some feeling on a very recent occasion that the laws in some particulars were not quite distinct and clear, and it was on that account he had given notice of the present motion. At the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, on Monday a similar motion would be made, so that the joint Committee would consist of ten members.

Bro. S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. for China, seconded the motion.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., said he had given notice of an amendment to increase the number of members of the Committee to nine. He thought that nine members would be better able to discuss the laws. He would like to see on the Committee some brethren from the provinces, who would probably be able to furnish some views which might not suggest themselves to the metropolitan brethren.

Bro. C. F. Matier seconded the amendment. The Chairman said that if the same amendment was carried at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School it would make the joint Committee consist of eighteen members, which he thought would be too large.

Bro. Thomas W. White thought that a Committee of five members from such a large Institution as this was not large enough, as the feeling of a large portion of the subscribers would not be got at, and they might get into trouble at some future time.

The amendment was then put and carried.

Bros. E. J. McIntyre, G.C., J. M. Clabon, Joshua Nunn, J. A. Rucker, John Boyd, Griffiths Smith, John Creaton, J. Le Feuvre, and J. L. Hine were elected members of the Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn, it was resolved "That four girls be elected at this Quarterly Court instead of three, thereby filling up a vacancy caused by death."

Bro. Joshua Nunn moved "That the amount paid as an honorarium to the Chaplain be increased from £20 to £25 per annum, also, that to the parochial charities from £5 to £10 per annum." Bro. Nunn said this was a recommendation from the House Committee, and the reason for it was that since the lesser amounts were first paid the number of children in the school had increased from 70 to 200. They occupied a much larger space in the church than they did formerly. The seats were all free, but still the Institution subscribed, because the space which was filled by the children of this school would, no doubt, be filled by parishioners who would subscribe, if the seats were not occupied by the girls of this Institution, who could not afford to put anything into the box.

The motion was seconded by Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, and carried.

Bro. Henry Browne, P.G.D., moved "That the premiums on the Secretary's guarantee be paid by the Institution." It was a trifling matter, he said, but if the Secretary's paid it it would be so much out of his pocket. He (Bro. Browne) thought the Institution should pay it.

Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Vice-President, upon the recommendation of the House Committee, moved, "that an exceptional case having arisen by the untimely death of Bro. Charles Jardine (a member of the Audit Committee of this Institution) through the late fatal collision on the

Thames, whereby a widow a nine children are left unprovided for, the laws regulating the admission of candidates to this Institution be suspended for the purpose of admitting Cecily Sara Jardine, aged 8 years, one of the said orphans from the catastrophe, without election."

Bro. Nunn stated the circumstances of the case, which have already been reported in the *Freemason*, and said that it was a singular thing that a vacancy occurred in the school through one of the children elected last time not having presented herself, and her mother not having even answered one of the letters that had been written to her on the subject.

A brother having seconded the motion, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., questioned the power of the Court to suspend one of its laws for the purpose of meeting a particular case. The law provided that admission to the school should be by election, and though he would be very glad to see this child brought into the school, owing to the exceptional circumstances of the case he did not think the Court had power to do it.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.; opposed the motion, and explained, that though he was the first to propose it, it was under an impulse, and he now felt that he had been wrong. He knew how difficult it was to oppose a generous offer made on the occurrence of a great and unexpected misfortune; but at the same time he could not help feeling after grave deliberation that to admit the little girl of Bro. Jardine to the Girl's School and a boy to the Boy's School, in the way proposed would be opening the door to a large amount of abuse. The little girl was eight years of age, and he thought there would be no difficulty in electing her in April. Her age was such that she could wait. But, unfortunately, the boy was between ten and eleven years of age, and he could not wait till April. He did not propose to violate the law of the Boy's School, and as 170 guineas would purchase the boy into that school, he (Bro. Binckes) had proposed to raise, and had pledged himself to raise the amount necessary for the purpose.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., referred the chairman to the laws of the Institution, and submitted that the word "suspension" not being in the bye-laws there was no power in the Quarterly Court to suspend them.

Bro. McIntyre, G.C., Grand Registrar, who was appealed to by the Chairman, after reading the law referred to, said it was not competent for the Court to suspend the law.

The Chairman therefore declared the motion to have fallen to the ground.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, upon the recommendation of the General Committee, moved "a gratuity of £20 to G. S. Peachy, for attention and assistance as extra services during the late Secretary's illness."

The motion was agreed to.

Bro. H. Hacker's motion that the name of Edith Brown, No. 21 on the list of candidates for election, be struck out as ineligible, was lost, the brethren being of opinion, after a narrative of the case by Bro. Hacker, that the child's father was not in such circumstances as to render her ineligible.

The election of four girls out of an approved list of twenty-nine candidates was then proceeded with. The following is the result.

Table with columns for candidate names and amounts. Includes sections for SUCCESSFUL (e.g., Brasier, Meta Bell 4741) and UNSUCCESSFUL (e.g., Harbord, Elizabeth Alice 1086).

Notes of thanks to the Scrutineers of votes and to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday last at Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creaton presided. There were also present, among others, Bros. Henry Smith, Edward M. Haigh, Charles John Perceval, Henry C. Burt, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rawson, T. J. Pullen, Thomas Hill, William Payne, William Mann, J. E. LeFeuvre, Geo. Jeffery, A. Durrant, H. T. Thompson, Thomas Cochrane, Wm. F. C. Moutrie, W. H. Spaul, W. Hopekirk, J. Terry, James A. Birch, J. J. Berry, Henry Bartlett, A. D. Loewenstark, H. Cox, W. J. Compton, William Roebuck, G. R. Ware, James Walden, George Thos. Fox, G. F. Lancaster, Louis Stean, Edward W. Davis, F. Land, Edward Clark,

David Roberts, 754; F. B. Davage, H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Bro. John Boyd, passed the following resolution:—That thirteen boys be elected by this Court, instead of eleven."

Bro. R. B. Webster, Life Governor, withdrew the following motion of which he had given notice:—

"That the Laws regulating the admission of Candidates to this Institution be suspended for the purpose of admitting, without election, Arthur George Jardine, aged 10 years and 5 months, a son of the late Bro. Charles Jardine, (Steward for the Anniversary Festival in July last), who lost his life in the recent fatal collision on the Thames, leaving a widow and nine children without provision."

Colonel Creaton moved that a Sub-Committee of five members of the General Committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of a revision of the laws; that such Committee be empowered to confer with a similarly appointed Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next.

In moving this resolution Colonel Creaton said that before he put it to the brethren he would state, what all the brethren knew, that on Saturday a similar motion was made at the Girls' Quarterly Court, but an amendment was carried, that instead of a Committee of five members being elected, the number should consist of nine. Perhaps the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School would also like their Sub-Committee to consist of nine.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, and several other brethren expressing a wish that nine brethren should form the Committee, the motion was put to the Court, in that shape, and carried; and Bros. H. C. Levander, J. G. Stevens, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Roebuck, J. Hickman, the Rev. Dr. Morris, Dr. Ramsay, S. Rawson, and J. E. Chancellor were chosen as the Committee.

Bro. R. W. Stewart, in proposing a Trustee of the General Fund, in the place of Bro. John Symonds, Vice-Patron, resigned, said all the brethren regretted very much the resignation of Bro. Symonds, who had always discharged his duties most efficiently. He thought it was quite right that they should always have as a Trustee a brother who was well-known and highly respected, and of a standing equal to the position and dignity of the School. He should therefore propose that Bro. Colonel Creaton be elected Trustee in place of Bro. John Symonds, resigned. Colonel Creaton was Trustee already of the Sustentation Fund, but that would not interfere with his taking the Trusteeship of the General Fund.

Bro. W. Roebuck seconded the motion, which was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Colonel Creaton, in acknowledging the vote, said he thanked the brethren very much for conferring this honour upon him, and he could assure them that when called upon to act in the capacity to which they had just elected him, he should do his best to discharge his duties faithfully and with credit.

The scrutineers of votes for the election were then chosen, and the poll was declared open.

Bro. Binckes afterwards, on a telegram arriving, said that with reference to the case of Bro. Jardine's children, he had seen the Rev. J. Edmund Cox, the Vice-Chairman of the "Princess Alice" Fund, Mansion House Committee, about buying the children into the Schools. A telegram had just been put into his hands, which was very satisfactory. Dr. Cox telegraphed—"The 'Princess Alice' Committee have decided to buy Bro. Jardine's two children into the two Schools." (Cheers.)

Later in the day, on the motion of Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary for West Yorkshire, seconded by Bro. J. M. Klenck, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Symonds, in acknowledgment of his services as Trustee.

The following is the result of the election:—

SUCCESSFUL.	
Gardner, Alfred Welsh	2373
Coverdale, Miles	2119
Reece, Albert Edward	1813
Furz, William Ernest	1777
White, Arthur Thomas	1745
Roberts, Walter Robert	1667
Keighley, James	1652
Day, Arthur Harris	1610
Browning, Ernest Albert	1533
Hall, Thomas Evans	1531
Simmonds, Hebron Albert	1476
Rossier, Arthur Lewis E.	1375
Balcombe, Arthur Charles	1370
UNSUCCESSFUL.	
Watkins, Fredk. Charles	1272
Ward, James	1221
Chandler, Arthur John	1153
Green, Charles William	1064
Nicholls, Richard Howell	1013
Wilkinson, Percy Charles	919
Keighley, Geo. Norman C.	734
Parker, George Shadwell	708
Allison, Tom	706
Green, James Baker	554
Wait, Emanuel	477
Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	466
Spalding, Edmund Purcell	437
Thorn, William Richard	418
Allin, Charles James Fox	375
Warner, Richard John	347
Norish, Herbert	340
Brooks, George Berrie	290
Beckett, Ernest George	272
Southam, George William	254
Hounslow, Herbert Rich	231
Kidp th, Lovell Hope	216
Gaundlett, George Frick	212
Lacey, Alfred John	211

Scott, John Shepherd	203
Grave, Richard Arthur	195
Gilbs, John	117
Bazley, William Henry	94
Tracy, William	93
Marshall, Phillipson	50
Wilton, Ernest Colville C.	34
Minshull, Sam Bradford	23
Jones, Ernest Handel	23
Thomas, John M. Alex.	19
Bell, James Herbert	15
Clark, Thomas John	14
Gay, George John	14
Cole, Alfred Thomas	10
Frost, Christian Frederic	10
Bartley, William James	8
Pike, John Henry	7
King, Henry Hugh	7
Fellows, Herbert M.	7
Webb, Henry (Disqualified by age)	6
Henderson, John	4
Giles, Frank Arthur	3
Co-wing, John Edward	3
Landless, John Greenwood	3
Read, John	2
Crane, Harry Samuel J.	2
Newboul, Harry (Withdrawn)	—
Black, William	—
Winter, Richard Thomas	—
Bowman, George Frederick	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman closed the proceedings.

GREECE AND FREEMASONRY.

In one of the leading daily papers of Athens, the *Laos*, some time back, we noticed some publications, attributed to our Order, most diabolical in their expression, and trying to mislead its readers. In Greece Masonry is not as yet ripe, and the principles of the Order are misunderstood, although there are many good Masons to be found in Greece and the Islands, Masonry is not progressing as fast as we should like to see it. The Grand Lodge of Greece, we might say, is a thing of the past. We are pleased, nevertheless, to state that the remarks of the *Laos* have been most emphatically contradicted by their London correspondent in a letter dated the 19th ult., and published in the *Laos* of the 1st inst. We may acquaint our readers that the London correspondent of the said paper is the well-known Greek author, Bro. Loverdo, of the Urban Lodge.

THE LIBRARY OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

Few Freemasons are aware that a curious and very valuable library is among the many unique possessions of the Supreme Grand Council, at 33, Golden-square. This library is the repository of an enormous amount of Masonic information, an acquaintance with which would be of great use to the Craft, and go far to dispel the popular delusion that there is no Masonic literature.

From a knowledge of the ceremonies alone Freemasons have no conception of the worth of their inheritance; but some insight into the literature of such a library as belongs to the Supreme Council will unfold to them a field of history and mysteries, whose thorough exploration will take years to accomplish.

The studious Freemason will find here food more than sufficient to satisfy his keener appetite, while the cursory observer will be dismayed at the wealth of the stores that lie before him.

For the honour, well being, and usefulness of the Craft, we earnestly recommend the brethren to take advantage of the opportunity of obtaining information which this storehouse offers, and they will find no difficulty in obtaining admission and inspection if they apply or write to any of the members of the Council, or to the Secretary.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Committee took place on Wednesday last, when several life members and new members were admitted. A good deal of routine business was attended to, and it was decided to hold a Committee meeting every fortnight, on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, at the offices of the Association, to elect members and attend to the necessary work of the Association.

It was resolved, when the balance at the bankers exceeded a certain amount, to qualify the Association as Life Governor of the Masonic Charities, in rotation, in the name of the Chairman.

The Committee adjourned to Wednesday, Oct. 30th, at 11 o'clock.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN CANADA.

On the 25th of September, the second annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec, was held in the Royal Albert Chapter Rooms, in the city of Montreal, when an address was delivered by the M.E. the Grand Z., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

M.F.G.Z., John H. Graham, Richmond (re-elected); R.E.G.H., J. H. Starns, Montreal (re-elected); R.E.G., J. Frank Edgar, Montreal; R.E.S.E. J. T. McMinn, (re-elected) Montreal; R.E.S.N., Angus Grant, Montreal; R.E.P.S., F. T. Thomas, Quebec; R.E. Treasurer, Albert D. Wilson, Montreal; R.E. Registrar, M. McCarthy, Sherbrooke; E., John Portous, Grand Janitor. Grand District Superintendent: —R.E., W. M. Le Mesurier, for Montreal District; R.E., James Addie, for Eastern Townships' District; R.E., H. J. Pratt, for Quebec District.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We are happy in being able to state that Anthony Trollope, the eminent "litterateur," and from whose able pen a story will appear in the Christmas number of the *Masonic Magazine*, is a brother of our Order.

Two Amateur Performances will be given in the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on the 24th and 25th of this month, by the Sheffield Masonic Amateur Theatrical Society. Among the pieces to be performed are "Charles the Second," and "Still Waters Run Deep."

Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., will be installed Prov. Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire on Wednesday next, the 30th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will leave Coburg at the end of the month to join her Majesty's ship *Black Prince*, which is to escort the Marquis of Lorne and her Royal Highness Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) to Canada.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has appointed General the Right Hon. Sir William Thomas Knollys, K.C.B., Receiver-General of the Duchy of Cornwall.

The Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 249, resumed active operations at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool (after the summer recess), on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., with Bro. John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S., as the Preceptor.

St. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.—The Consecration of this lodge will take place at the Town Hall, Shore-ditch, on Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. James Terry will be the Consecrating Officer. The principal officers designate are Bro. Louis Stean, P.M. 212, W.M.; George T. Barr, J.W. 907, S.W.; and C. F. Barham, P.M. 754, J.W. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

We are requested to announce that the Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, on Friday evening, the 25th inst., at seven o'clock precisely, in the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich. Bro. Govan Macdonald, Preceptor, P.M. 1158, and others, will preside.

The Consecration of the Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 1779, will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on Tuesday week, the 29th inst. As it is upwards of 10 years since a similar ceremony was performed in Sheffield a large attendance of brethren is expected. Bro. A. Hay, P.M. 139, P.P.G.S.B., is the W.M. designate, his Wardens being S. Gatty, S.W.; and J. Radford, J.W.

The Sheriffs of London and Middlesex (Bro. G. Burt and Mr. T. Bevan) intend giving their inaugural banquet on Friday, 1st of November. The entertainment, by kind permission, will be held at Grocers' Hall.

Tuesday night's *Gazette* announces, under date Oct. 14th, that the Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Sir John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, K.T., G.C.M.G. (commonly called the Marquis of Lorne), to be Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The marriage of the Duke of Connaught will take place, it is understood, about the second week in February at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, shortly after the return of Her Majesty and the Court from Osborne.

Although the durable and handsome material known as velveteen has long been recognised as a really efficient substitute for the costliest Lyons and Genoa velvet, and, in addition to its cheapness, is even more suitable for ladies and children's dresses, as it is not so heavy and cumbersome to wear, one great drawback connected with it has been its tendency to turn brown and white long before the fabric itself is worn out. This has been due to the inferior character of the dyes employed, and, perhaps, also to the difficulty of discovering others better adapted to the required purpose. The old difficulties have, however, been surmounted by the manufacturers of the "Louis Velveteens," which are of the true oriental blue-black, retain all their colours and brilliancy to the last, will not cockle, are not spotted by rain, and, while extremely durable, cannot be distinguished in appearance from the best velvets. The "Louis Velveteens" are procurable at all drapers, but for the protection of purchasers every length of seven yards is stamped with the trade mark, a griffin's head supported by wings, and the motto, "nos aspera juvant."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—Bros. Finch and Adamson (Province of Kent), desire to thank all the brethren outside the province of Kent who assisted in securing the election of Meta Bell Brasier, who polled 4741 votes at the last election.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, at the Southwark Park Tavern, Jamaica Level, Bermondsey, on Wednesday evening, October 23rd, 1878, at seven o'clock punctually, by Bro. C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by many brethren.

Some brethren in south London feeling that there was ample room in the neighbourhood of Brixton and Camberwell for a Mark Master's Lodge, sent a petition through Bro. W. G. Brighten, Prov. Grand Secretary Middlesex, and Surrey, and a warrant has been issued by the Grand Mark Master (Lord Skelmersdale) for holding a lodge at the Surrey Masonic Hall, to be called the Brixton Mark Lodge, No. 234. The officers designate are Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.M.I.G., P.M. (Craft and Mark), as W.M.; Bro. G. P. McKay, W.M., Panmure, (Craft), J.W., Panmure, (Mark), S.W.; Bro. Henry Lovegrove, S.W. 1777, and Steward 1507 (Craft), P.S. (elect) Chapter 72, J.W.; and Bro. H. Baldwin Stuart (Craft), and Panmure (Mark), as Secretary.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 107, KING'S LYNN.—The R.W. Prov. Grand Master (the Right Hon. Lord Suffield K.C.B.), the Deputy Grand Master, and other Provincial Grand Officers and distinguished visitors have signified their intention of visiting the above lodge on Monday, the 21st inst. The lodge is summoned by the W.M., Bro. George W. Page, for half-past five, when the raising of Bro. W. H. A. Keppel will take place. After the closing of the lodge a banquet at the Globe Hotel, will take place to celebrate Lord Suffield's visit.

It may not be known by everybody that the late Judge Keogh, though a Catholic, was a good Mason; perhaps the fact added bitterness to some of the recent diatribes levelled against his memory.—“Atlas,” in the *World*.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the meeting of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, next, the 21st inst. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m., the chair of W.M. being occupied by Bro. J. G. Milbourn, and that of S.W., by Bro. John Shaw, P.M.

The Ninety-first Anniversary Dinner of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place on the 14th May, 1879. The names of brethren willing to act as Stewards are earnestly solicited by the Secretary, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges.

We understand that Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, of Christ's Hospital, has become a Vice-President of all the Masonic Charities.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of W. Yorkshire met on Wednesday last at Halifax. A report will appear in our next.

An Improved Horseshoe has been invented by an ingenious Swiss gentleman, Dr. J. Hirsiger, which bids fair to be a great boon to the equine race, inasmuch as it contains no nails, the shoe being secured to the hoof by three clamps, which are set by a spring and a couple of inoffensive screws. The invention is now being tried at the Horseguards, and if successful will doubtless be instrumental in saving many a valuable animal from lameness and more serious diseases.

The annual meeting of R. A. Chapter, De Burghi, No. 424, will be held on Thursday, 24th October, at 3 p.m., in the Temporary Hall of the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, at 34, Denmark-street, Gateshead, for the installation of Principals, and investiture of officers, after which the companions will dine together at the Grey Horse Tavern.

The Rev. H. B. Tristram, Canon of Durham, Prov. G.M.M.M., has issued instructions for the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of Northumberland and Durham, to be held in the Masonic Hall, Park-road, Sunderland, on Wednesday, 30th October, at 2.30 p.m., under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 124. Banquet at the conclusion of the lodge, at the Queen's Hotel.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, 22nd October, at 2 p.m., by command of Bro. John Fawcett, J.P., R.W.P.G.M. Banquet at 4.30 p.m., in the Town Hall. The Fund Committee will meet in the Masonic Hall, at 12 o'clock.

Bro. Wm. Stokes is at present giving a course of Lectures on Memory at the Royal Aquarium. He is assisted by some of his clever juvenile pupils, who with the professor afford much amusement combined with instruction in reference to the science of memory.

Just out, part 10 of the Rosicrucian and Masonic Record, price post free, 1s. 1d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London. (ADVT.)

The Rosicrucian and Masonic Record contains a portrait of the late Bro. R. Wentworth Little.

The Installation Meeting of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, was held on Tuesday last, Bro. W. T. Purkiss being re-elected W.M. for the second year. A report of the proceedings is in type and will appear in our next.

ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.—The installation meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held on Wednesday last, a report of the proceedings at which will appear in our next.

Bro. James Pain, the eminent Pyrotechnist, announces his benefit at the Alexandra Palace for Tuesday, November 5th (Guy Fawkes Day), on which occasion three distinct firework displays will be given. There will also be a torch light procession and a bonfire.

Bro. James Fox, the Wine Steward of the Cannon-street Hotel, met with a serious accident there on Saturday. He was carrying two bottles of champagne, when one of them suddenly burst, and a portion of glass, cutting through his trousers, completely severed the main artery of the leg. He was at once taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The injury was at first believed to be dangerous, the wound bleeding so much that chloroform had to be administered and an operation performed before a stoppage could be effected.

The Dairy Show at the Agricultural Hall was closed on Monday night for the year. It was announced at the distribution of prizes that 50,000 of the public had paid for admission, and that the show had been thoroughly successful.

The “Princess Alice” Mansion House Fund now amounts to between £37,000 and £38,000.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Percy Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday next, the 26th inst. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely.

REPORT OF THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The Committee has great pleasure in reporting the result of its proceedings, at the recent elections. If any doubt had previously existed in the minds of any as to its need and utility, the results of the elections of the Boys' and Girl's Schools must have completely removed them. For it is now patent, not only what room there is for concentration and utilization of the votes of the London subscribers, but how very haphazard and uncertain, to say the most and best of it, is the voting of many of our worthy London brethren, while the provinces have every advantage which skilful combination and concentration of the voting power can give, the claims of London candidates are to a great extent jeopardized by want of any such effective use of the votes. And if, with so many disadvantages, and with so little preparation, the Committee has succeeded in the recent elections, there can be no possible reason why in April next, the strength of the Association may not be shown forth in still greater power and with still more conclusive effect.

At the Girl's School election, thanks to the care of its members, and the liberal assistance of many kind friends, and to an amicable interchange of votes with Provincial Committees and others, the Association polled 2794 votes for Ethel Stone, making her third on the poll; and 305 votes for E. E. Williams, rendering her election in April secure. The Committee congratulates all the members of the Association on this striking proof of its activity and utility.

At the Boy's School election, Balcombe, the 13th candidate elected, received 1370 votes, while for Watkins, 1272 votes were polled, and for Green, in all 1064. Several votes were also polled by members of the Association for Miles Coverdale.

This is an aggregate of 3706 votes, and it will be noticed that Watkins was only about ninety behind the last successful candidate. It is but fair to observe that many members of the Association, including the Chairman, recorded their votes, as promised, for Meta Bell Brasier.

At the April election the Committee will be able to poll a very much larger number of votes, and if duly supported by its many friends will offer a chance of success to many who otherwise, humanly speaking, could have no chance of success at all.

The Committee is pleased to be able to add that its formation and operation are regarded with friendliness and even interest by the Provincial Committees, its “raison d'être,” fully admitted, and childish prognostications of provincial and metropolitan opposition are, to use a familiar expression, “laughed out of court.”

Indeed, in the nature of things, all such objections could only arise either from interested motives on the one hand, or ignorance of the fair claims of voters and the needs of candidates on the other.

The Committee made “friendly interchanges” of votes with the Charity Committees of West Yorkshire, East Lancashire, Norfolk, and other brethren and bodies, and the best feeling was exhibited, and “hearty good wishes” exchanged on one side and the other.

The Committee, therefore, has great pleasure in commending the Association to the general support and kindly countenance of all our London brethren.

Not that the Committee wishes to press its claims on any one, or to “tout” for members in any way. Reminding those worthy and distinguished members of the fraternity who have so cheerfully and gladly joined its ranks, it leaves its future prestige and utility to the results of time, and the fair criticism of its brethren, convinced that it supplies a positive need, and will be found to be the “right thing,” as tending to the advantage of the Charities themselves, and the help and success of many deserving London candidates, who now appeal in vain for succour and support.

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ARTHUR E. GLADWELL.

Reviews.

CASTILIO'S DIALECT POEMS, G. M. TWEDDELL, Rose Cottage, Stokesley, Yorkshire.

We have received these poems in the North Yorkshire dialect, by the late John Castilio, and edited by Bro. G. M. Tweddell, and read them with much interest. As specimens of local “patois,” or rather provincial dialect, they are very characteristic and very striking. Unfortunately both preface and poems enter upon subjects which are forbidden to Freemasons to discuss in any shape or sense, since they touch upon points on which issue is joined at once by polemical combatants, and theological acolytes, not to forget political partizans. Freemasonry, happily, offers a peaceful meeting place for all who wish for a time to forget the divisions of religion and the animosities of politics.

Admiring as we do the reality of the provincial dialect, it is evident that the poems, as well as the preface, contain much which is impossible to review in the *Freemason*. Having said this in justice to ourselves, we

repeat that the poems will, no doubt, interest many readers.

HISTORY OF THE AIREDALE LODGE, No. 387.
By J. RAMSDEN RILEY, P.M. (Privately Printed.)

We have read this book with sincere pleasure, and thank Bro. Riley for it, since it is the memorial to us of a very “good lodge,” and a pleasing souvenir of many happy hours, and kind friends, and honest work in cheasier days of old. It calls up before us many old and worthy brethren, and not the least, Wainman Holmes.

The lodge, according to Bro. Riley, was chartered in 1788, as the “Duke of York,” at Doncaster, where it carried on a slumberous existence until 1806, when it removed to Bingley. The last official meeting appears to have been in 1815, though Bro. Wainman Holmes remembers meetings until 1827, and some of the meetings were open air meetings on Baildon Moors. Here is a point for Bro. Hughan.

In 1827 the lodge became the Airedale Lodge, No. 814. Its history has since been well known in W. Yorkshire; and it has boasted of many worthy men and Masons as its members.

It was formerly No. 814. It then became No. 543, and is now No. 387. Prosperity to it, and thanks to Bro. Riley for a very interesting lodge history.

THE MASONIC NEWSPAPER. New York, 142, Montague-street, Brooklyn,

Is a new Masonic venture, to which we wish all possible success.

UNITED EVER. (A Masonic Song.) Words by Bro. WHITEFOOT. Music by Bro. JOHN TOLKIEN.

This is a Masonic song which has reached a second edition, and which promises, as we have no doubt it will receive, much Masonic patronage. We recommend it warmly to all our musical brethren.

NIGHT AND DAY, Edited by DR. BARNARDO, Pursues the “even tenour” of its useful way.

SOCIAL NOTES. Edited by Bro. S. G. HALL, 56, Paternoster Row.

This is a monthly serial of much pleasant reading, and appears to be likely to find many friends. It is very ably edited, and we have found both pleasure and profit in its perusal. We recommend it to our readers.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

A Series of Free Popular Lectures for Men and Women was inaugurated last week at the Working Men's College, Great Ormond-street. These lectures will take place on Thursday evenings, and are intended to attract the public to the College so that people may become aware of the advantages offered by the Institution. Founded by the late Professor Maurice in 1854, the college, now under the direction of Mr. Thomas Hughes, has always maintained that the end and function of all learning is the making of good citizens, and has kept the teaching subordinate to that end.

A Muscovite Exhibition of Russian produce is to be held in the Kremlin Gardens at Moscow in 1880.

The invention of the Telephone is now claimed by the Celestials. A Chinese writer in the *Pekin Gazette* declares that Kung Foo Whing, a distinguished philosopher, who flourished at the close of the tenth century, invented the telephone in 968. The instrument is known in China as “Thumthsein.”

TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT CAMBRIDGE.—Under Professor Stuart's fostering care, mechanical science is obtaining a chance of introduction to University life at Cambridge. A workshop has been erected and stocked with tools and machines, so that instructions can now be given in the use of tools in metal and wood, and also various instruments can be manufactured. Elementary practical classes will be started this term.—*Athenæum*.

Monkeys are famed as adepts in mimicry, and a British doctor in Java recently received an unpleasant proof of their imitative propensities. The doctor had a large monkey, tame and very clever, which was generally its master's companion in the dissecting-room whilst he pursued his anatomical studies. Jacko used always to watch the proceedings attentively, and one day, when alone with his master, seized the unlucky doctor, popped him upon the dissecting-table, and was just going to put his lessons to practical use, when the doctor's cries brought the people of the house to the spot just in time to save the doctor from immediate vivisection.

A report has recently been made on the state of the Doubleday collection of lepidoptera. A recognized type collection in any branch of natural history is an object of respect, and any accident that may befall it is sure to arouse the interest of a large circle. As is well-known to entomologists, the late Mr. Doubleday's collection of lepidoptera is recognized as a type collection, and his systematic lists form a classification very commonly used. The Science and Art Department accepted the charge of the collection, and found space for it at the Bethnal-green Museum. A catalogue of the contents was made for the department by the late Mr. Andrew Murray, F.L.S., and the part referring to the first 106 drawers, containing British species, was printed by order of the Committee of Council on Education. That the collection is really used is shown by the fact that last year there were 1492 applications for permission to examine it. The report states that fresh specimens of no less than 238 species are required for the collection in order to replace those destroyed by mites. The list of those required has been published in the *Entomologist*

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J.H.—We know no dictionary containing the information to which you allude.

H. KRAUSS. (D.G.M. British Burmah.) Rangoon.—Your letter of Sept. 5th is to hand, the instructions in which shall receive due attention.

"French Freemasonry" in our next.

"Intolerance in Masonry," Rome.—Inadmissible both in these columns and those of the "Masonic Magazine."

ENQUIRER.—If not a member of the lodge, yes, certainly, you must pay the fee.

A COUNTRY P.M.—Address the Secretary London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, London, E.C.

P.G.S.—In the month of April.

BOOKS &c. RECEIVED.

"Social Notes;" "Hull Packet;" "Broad Arrow;" "Public Ledger Almanac (Philadelphia);" "London Express;" "Citizen;" "Croydon Guardian;" "Corner Stone;" "Risorgimento;" "Young Folks' Budget;" "Masonic Advocate;" "United Ever" (Song); "Night and Day;" "Keystone;" "Newcastle Daily Chronicle;" "Manchester Guardian;" "Yorkshire Gazette;" "New York Dispatch;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Boletín Oficial de la Masonería Simbólica de Colon;" "Weekly Courant;" "Sun;" "Evening Star;" "The Masonic News-paper;" "Keystone;" "Caslon Circular;" "Hornet."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

MURPHY.—On the 13th inst., at Westonbirt House, Tetbury, the Countess of Morley, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

SUTTON—TALBOT.—On the 12th inst., at St. Mary's Lambeth, John Rumbert, son of H. Sutton, late of Rotherhithe, to Ann Elizabeth, daughter of E. Talbot.

DEATHS.

CAMERON.—On the 13th inst., at Belmont, Tunbridge-wells, Mary Colebrook, aged 20, only and dearly loved daughter of Mr. Cameron, of Barcalodie.

HALLGROOK.—On the 8th inst., E. G. Hallgrook, P.G. Registrar of Hamps, aged 31.

BURNBROOK.—On the 13th inst., Agnes Stormont, daughter of J. Rutherford, Park-lane Tottenham.

WHITE.—On the 8th inst., at Chelsea, Henry Agar White, formerly of the Trinity House, in his 75th year.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1878.

THE FETE AT THE TROCADERO.

We have reason to believe that there is certainly up to the present time, at any rate, no truth in the report, somewhat industriously spread about, that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted any invitation, (if ever it has been sent), to attend the fete of the "Rite Ecossais," at Paris, on the 23rd. We regret very much the unauthorized use of the name of our Royal G. Master. We hear a good deal about this fete in prospect, and from our numerous communications on the subject, we find, as we expected, that in our good Order there are grave doubts, as well as not unreasonable apprehensions respecting it. For many reasons, and for obvious causes, we cannot advise any English brethren to be present at the fete, as we think, that as the French say, "sous tous les rapports," we, as English Masons, had better stay away. We do not think it needful to enter into all the reasons which guide us in this, our humble, but honest opinion, but we can safely say that we have a good and sufficient cause for such a recommendation to our brethren. We call attention to a Communiqué on the subject elsewhere, which deals with a phase of the question, which has an interest for us all alike.

ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The election for the Boys' School took place on Monday, the 14th inst., when thirteen candidates were elected out of sixty-one. Previously to the poll, Bro. Binckes informed the meeting that the "Princess Alice" Mansion House Committee had determined to purchase a presentation to the Boys' and Girls' Schools for the orphan son and daughter of the late lamented Bro. Jardine. This announcement was loudly cheered. The successful candidates were announced by Col. Creton, at about 4.30, and one remarkable feature of the election was the large numbers polled, and the equally large number of successful first cases. The thirteen successful on the poll received the large numbers of 20,000, more or less. This we believe to be unprecedented polling, and as the fourteenth candidate was only 98 behind the thirteenth, and several unsuccessful candidates polled over 1000 votes, this last election may fairly be regarded as one of the most severely contested which has ever taken place, and a probable type of similar hard fought elections in the years yet to be. Balcombe, the thirteenth on the poll, was supported by the London Masonic Charity Association.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

The "October election" took place last Saturday, the 12th inst., and was marked by one or two peculiar features which deserve note and remembrance. Previously to the election a motion was made by our worthy Bro. Joshua Nunn, to suspend the rules, in order to admit a daughter of our lamented Bro. Jardine, who perished with numerous other innocent victims in the ill-fated "Princess Alice." There were, however, constitutional objections to such a course, (advisable and praiseworthy as it might have been in itself), and, after a discussion, the Chairman, very properly, refusing to interfere to prevent it, on the advice of our esteemed Grand Registrar, the motion was held to be in contravention of the established laws of the School. For Bro. Jardine and his orphan children all felt great pity and sincere Masonic sympathy. The poll opened for the election of four pupils out of twenty-one candidates. Our readers will read elsewhere the actual figures, which are both instructive and striking. Three provincial candidates and one London case were returned, a second London

case closely following the last successful candidate. Meta Brasier, (a very good case), headed the poll with 4741 votes, M. S. Cooper, also a strong case, following with 2817; Ethel Stone was next with 2794, and E. M. Hill was the fourth with 1104. No. 22, Florence Palmer, has polled 1018, so that her election in April is secured, on which we congratulate her many zealous friends. As this was the first time the London Masonic Charity Association has intervened to aid London candidates, it was a matter of much rejoicing to all, that what it did do it did so effectually, as, on its first appearance to poll 2794 votes. By a report elsewhere which we publish, it would seem that it congratulates its members, and not without cause, as we know, on the good feeling existing between the various influential Provincial Charity Committees and itself, a fact which disposes of many hasty objections. The second candidate, E. E. Williams, is safe, the report states, for April. We think that one of the results of the operations of this, in our opinion, needed Association, will be to bring in new Life Governors to our great charitable Institutions. It is remarkable, that a considerable number of the votes remain unpolled. Why is this?

LODGE FUNDS.

For some time past our attention has been drawn to frequent complaints as to the present position and actual apportionment of our lodge funds, and, therefore, now that our brethren are again assembling in lodge, and round the genial board, "on hospitable thoughts intent," we think it both well and seasonable to allude to the subject. In dealing with the question we are, however, aware, at the outset, that we have a somewhat difficult and delicate matter to handle, and one that requires alike delicacy of touch and a good deal of discrimination. It is easy enough to speak "ore rotundo" on the subject; it is not a difficult undertaking to expatiate in ornate sentences on such a topic; but to write Masonically and fairly, and sensibly, to boot, so as to be read and so as to be attended to, is not altogether quite so easy a thing as some pseudo critics affect to think or to say. For the difficulty lies in this, always a great difficulty, "per se." We are dealing with other people's affairs and other people's money, and so we may take the "high moral" or the "low didactic" line as we like, yet the inevitable "crux" occurs, as in all similar discussions—"What have you to do with the matter? Is it not better for you to mind your own business?" Hence, whether we are Masonic philosophers or Masonic censors, it appears to us that we are bound to write very cautiously and very deferentially, even remembering our differing and contrasted views on this "vexata quaestio." For it is impossible for the ablest of us all to lay down dogmatically rules which will apply to individual lodges, and yet be in any measure accepted by all lodges alike. It would be an herculean undertaking to prescribe axioms equally acceptable by, and equally suitable to all, which should be axioms of Masonic economic administration, whether in general or in particular. For we must not, if we are wise, take a too ascetic view of Masonic social needs on the one hand, neither should we ever forget on the other, that Masonry must always have for various reasons a social aspect which it is neither safe nor prudent to discourage or disregard! Therefore, to all lodges must be left a great amount of private judgment and practical liberty in the matter as it is safe, we think, to assume, that lodges themselves best know for themselves what most accords with the needs, the comfort, the prestige of the members. But we think we may fairly say this, that no administration of lodge funds can be sound or safe, which spends all on banquets, and does nothing for charity, and least of all can that balance-sheet be admired, nor should it be imitated, which demonstrates that the lodge is always in debt to its Treasurer. It is much to be feared that many of our lodges are hardly in a solvent condition, and that as far as we can at present see, each year adds to their embarrassments and their liabilities. We have seen some balance-sheets

where with a few casual payments, all the returns are swallowed up on festivities, and nothing is done for charity in any way. We have also noticed Treasurers' accounts, where the balance is always against the lodge, and no effort is made to diminish it or wipe it off. We would respectfully urge upon all lodges placed in such a position, (how many we like not to think), one of two courses, either to diminish their expenses, or to increase their fees. And, on the whole, we lean to the last alternative as most likely, perhaps, to conduce to the interests of the lodge and the good of Freemasonry. Is it not a scandal to us all alike that such a large proportion of our lodges never have done anything, and, apparently, are doing nothing for the great Charities of our Order? Is it not high time to set our house in order in this respect? Ought we to lose a moment in "squaring up" our lodge accounts, and showing to all that we practice as well as preach the excelling grace of charity? We await a reply to these queries.

THE RITE ECOSAIS.

(Communiqué.)

It is well, we think, that our readers should be aware why many objections exist to English Masons taking part in the fete of this Order on the 23rd. It is known as a fact, that the same pernicious teaching that has affected the Grand Orient of France has also permeated, to some extent, at any rate, the "Grand Conseil." It is true that so far no such "overt act," no such wilful renunciation of belief in God has taken place in the "Rite Ecossais," but it is also a fact, about which no French Mason would doubt, but that the profession of faith of the Grand Conseil is as slender and unsatisfactory as well may be, and is a form, and nothing more. The utmost that the Geneva Congress seemed to reach unto by "hook and by crook," as they say, was a "creative principle," an "Anima Mundi," in fact, but far removed from T. G. A. O. T. U., and all that is involved in the religious acceptance of the Holy Name and belief of God, which marks our reverent English Masonry. Considering all that has gone on in France, and at what is now taking place Masonically, we confess that this exaltation of a High Grade is, we think unwise, and unsound, in theory and in practice. The Grand Orient is at present in direct antagonism with us, and may almost be considered in abeyance, but that is no reason why we should in any way mix up the claims of a High Grade organization with the simpler and straightforward position of Craft Masonry. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has nothing whatever to do with Craft Masonry. Knowing, as we say, perhaps, better than most of our readers what is going on in France, we think it well to interject again to-day a few friendly words of counsel and warning.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

A PROTEST.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
As a Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, I have been addressed by an association calling itself the "London Masonic Charity Association," and have been asked to hand over my votes to be disposed of by the association in such manner as may seem to the committee to be desirable. This I most emphatically decline to do, and I trust that the great majority of London Masons, who may happen to be possessed of votes in any of our Charitable Institutions, will follow my example.
Readers of your paper cannot be ignorant of the existence of this so-called Charity Association, and I have repeatedly noticed the appearance of its name in your columns. When I heard of its proposed formation, and learned its objects, I expressed a strong belief, founded on earnest hope, that the design would be abandoned; but I now find that operations have actually begun, and that certain London brethren have lent to this most un-Masonic project their countenance and support. On my own behalf, and on behalf of many London Masons who think as I do on this matter, I wish to enter a protest against the proposed proceedings of this association; and I would ask my brethren who like myself are London Masons to look at this question, not as mere local charity-jobbers, but as members of our

great and united fraternity, too truly Catholic in its sympathies to be hampered and shackled by the petty influence of any local clique or caucus.

The raison d'être of the London Masonic Charity Association is that the various provinces, by concentrating their voting power upon two or three candidates from their several Districts manage to secure an amount of patronage unduly large when measured by the amount of their subscriptions to the Charities. It is alleged that the metropolis, through its many wealthy lodges, contributes more than half of the money required for the support of the three Institutions, and yet fails to secure half of the patronage. And so it has been determined that London shall have a local association also, and that only London applicants shall be supported by its influence, in order to defeat or in part neutralise the action of the provinces.

This is called an "act of self-defence" on the part of London Masons: It may be so, but I take leave to say that self-defence of this character is not in harmony with the genuine tenets and teaching of Freemasonry. The provinces are doing wrong, and it is our duty to set them a good example, not to follow a bad one set by them.

I trust that those of my brethren in London, who have given in their adhesion to this scheme, will be led to reconsider their position, and reflect upon the objects aimed at by the London Masonic Charity Association. That failure may attend its operations will be the wish of every good Mason, for success would mean the triumphing of principles, selfish and small in themselves, and certain to prove very harmful to Freemasonry.

If it were possible to weld the whole voting power of London into one homogenous mass, and to place its entire weight at command of a few skilful wire-pullers, who can doubt that the scale would be so heavily turned against the provinces as virtually to exclude them from all representation and patronage? One of two results must follow; either the provinces would all unite and array their combined forces against the capital, or our provincial brethren would decline to enter upon such an un-masonic contest, and decline also to aid with their subscriptions the Charities from which they would be practically excluded. London Masons would then have the advantage of all the patronage in our Institutions, and also the privilege of providing all the money needed for their support. Is this a consummation devoutly to be wished?

I am dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

THOS. EDMONDSTON, Master 1658.

[We publish this letter under the special circumstances of the case, though we had not proposed to continue the discussion. We entirely disagree with our correspondent, and consider that he has misapprehended alike the "raison d'être of the institution and the position of affairs.]

THE SUPREME COUNCILS AND NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having bestowed much time for several years in the study of the constitutions, practice, and usage of Supreme Councils working the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, I would feel obliged by your giving a place in your valuable columns to the following remarks, on the recent treaty entered into between the seceding Supreme Councils from the confederation of Lausanne and the Supreme Council of Egypt.

That treaty reminds one of the Russian-Turkish treaty of St. Stephano. Its provisions have been extorted from the Egyptian Council, and in so far as it deals with the rights and privileges of parties not accessories to it they are not bound by it.

Now, the first question which arises is, has the Egyptian Council any control over that of New Zealand? It authorised, by the exercise of its undoubted power, the formation of the New Zealand Council. By virtue of that power the latter Council was lawfully formed; and having been so formed, its connection with that of Egypt ended: It became a separate and independent body. The child Council was born, and at its birth acquired an independent existence which no parent could destroy.

The decree, or charter, quoted in the *Freemason* of the 28th September last, is not the charter under which the Council of New Zealand was created; and I am at a loss to see the writer's object in encumbering your columns with that document. The charter which the Council of Egypt did give was different from the one he quoted in many respects; and it did not authorise Egypt to exercise any control over the newly-created Council of New Zealand, or give it a power to cancel its constitution, or even limit its action. The revocation, therefore, by Egypt of its decrees authorising the formation of a Supreme Council in New Zealand, does not annihilate the Supreme Council of that country, which was long ago formed. Had the decrees been revoked before they were acted on matters might have been different. But their recall now, after their object has been fulfilled, is like one "bolting the stable door after the steed has been stolen."

In no case, however, could these decrees be recalled without an offer of restitution or compensation for the money spent through a reliance on them. No such offer has been made. And it is not said that the Supreme Council of New Zealand has exceeded its powers or ignored any provision of its charter, or in any other way broken the contract. But it is said that it was granted in error. What that error is it is not stated. Egypt, however, was fully and truly informed of all the circumstances, and told that every effort would be made to get it to revoke any charter it might grant; and it was requested not to give it if any such request would be listened to. I need not say that mere change of mind is not a ground on which such a delivered charter, acted on, can be recalled. The only ground for inducing Egypt to act the questionable part it has taken, was the consideration of immediate recognition by the Councils of

Charlestown, and its associated Councils. But its act is ultra vires, and consequently harmless.

The three Supreme Councils of this kingdom have exacted this treaty from Egypt, on the alleged ground that it had no jurisdiction in a dependency of the British Crown. But this contention is erroneous. The constitutions of the Order do not recognise such distinctions. They define the "places" where Supreme Councils may be found, and they provide that if none already exists in any country any Sovereign Grand Inspector General may form one there irrespective of nationality.

We see this principle well illustrated in the cases of Scotland and England. As regards Scotland, it is said to have been formed by an alleged Sovereign Grand Inspector General of France, although there existed at the time of its formation a Supreme Council in the United Kingdom at Dublin, and as regards England, it was formed by the Supreme Council of Boston, an American Council, although the Councils of Ireland and Scotland were then both in existence. If these Councils could be lawfully formed by foreign bodies, why should similar procedure be unlawful as regards New Zealand? Perhaps General Pike, the Sovereign Grand Commander of Charlestown, will kindly solve this difficulty, and I hope more successfully than he has done those knotty points brought under his consideration by writers in the *Freemason*, in reference to the legality of the Supreme Councils of Scotland and Charlestown, and the authenticity of the Constitutions of 1786.

Another contention of the three British Supreme Councils is that it is only lawful to have one Supreme Council in any one state. But this principle and regulation they themselves have disregarded by the formation of the Supreme Councils of Scotland and England, while another Council—that of Ireland—existed in the kingdom.

How then can they plead this regulation against others? They cannot approbate and reprobate it to suit their own convenience. It is either binding or it is not. If binding, they are bound by it, and two of these three Councils must terminate their careers. If it be not binding, the New Zealand Council may exist on its own shewing.

But not only do the three British Councils maintain the lawfulness of their respective existences; but they further maintain that each is entitled separately, and as three distinct Councils, to exercise its functions in New Zealand. There would thus be in that colony not one but three independent Supreme Councils—a claim more absolutely repugnant both to the spirit and to the letter of the Constitutions it is impossible to fancy.

That New Zealand is not, in the sense of the Constitutions of the A. and A. Rite, a part of Great Britain, I need not trouble you with any remarks, for the Supreme Councils of England, Scotland, and Ireland have themselves conceded the principle as regards Canada, and the one country stands towards Britain in the same relation as the other.

As regards the diplomas granted by Egypt to the brethren resident in Scotland, they are ostensibly recalled, because it is said to have been represented to Egypt that the Supreme Council of Scotland was an irregular and illegitimate body. But it has been shewn in the *Freemason* that that statement is true. The Constitutions of Scotland set forth that it was formed by virtue of a patent, dated in 1814, held by a Dr. Morrison from the Supreme Council of France. Well, that statement is untrue, for the patent exists, and it is not from the Supreme Council of France. Indeed, that Council had no existence until 1821. Dr. Morrison's patent is from a spurious council, termed the "Supreme Council of the West India Islands," which, in flagrant violation of all Masonic law, carried on its business, not in the West Indies, but in Paris, side by side with other Councils in that city. Dr. Morrison's patent, however, such as it was, prohibited him from conferring any degree beyond the Thirtieth, and yet we are asked to recognise a Supreme Council of Thirty-thirds, all of whom were made by him.

Dr. Morrison, as already stated, was made a 33° by the spurious body referred to in 1814, but, strangely, ten years afterwards, and three years after the formation of the Supreme Council of France, he presented a petition to the Grand Orient of France, seeking its Thirtieth Degree, on the footing that he did not already hold it, and that he recognised the Grand Orient as the only legitimate repository of these Degrees in France. These facts clearly shew that Dr. Morrison himself considered his patent of 1814 as spurious. Can it, therefore, be said that the Supreme Council of Scotland, which bases its existence solely on that spurious patent, is a genuine body?

Your contemporary, the *Scottish Freemason*, has shewn uneasiness at these statements, and has appealed to the "courteous" Secretary of the Supreme Council of Scotland to answer them. But that gentleman is as astute as he is courteous, and acts on the well-known principle, that "discretion is the better part of valour!" He so acts because he knows that the statements he is called on to answer are true, and being true are unanswerable.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN THOMAS LOTH,
Dr. Ph., 33°, Member of the Grand College of Rites of France. Author of the Illustrated History of the A. and A. S. Rite.

THE MARK DEGREE

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot allow the remarks of your correspondent "W. Viner B. Bedolfe, M.D., P.M., P.Z., 1329," to pass entirely unnoticed, although they deserve to be. The very tone of his communication is so full of acerbity and splenic temper that I pause to consider whether he can be really a member of the Craft, as he professes. Assuming that he does it is to be regretted that he does not bear in mind the tenets of the Order, and at least try to write charitably towards a brother whose sacred calling should in itself command some respect if not indulgence; but, Sir, I

am afraid that the opportunity of parading one's name and standing and rank in Masonry is often inducive to narrow minds to appear in correspondence upon any subject, notwithstanding their entire ignorance of the same, and in crude carelessness as to how much they may wound the feelings of the man of calmer and sounder judgment. Self-laudation, with concomitant disregard of persons or things, is in itself a sad misfortune, but when such a person forgets that respect which is due to his brother in Masonry, it is simply deplorable. However much Bro. Bedolfe may differ in opinion as to Bro. Lamonby's address, he is scarcely warranted in endeavouring to treat such address with contumely. His letter is too exhaustive and full of ignorance of the subject he tries to criticise to encourage one to reply as he desires, as it is evident he is simply suffering from cacoethes scribendi, which his attendance at the first banquet board may somewhat tend to ameliorate, unless he also suffers from cacoethes carpendi, when it would, perhaps, be a more convenient time to relieve his mind, it would, at all events, be better than exposing his ignorance of subjects in print. I would ask Bro. Bedolfe what his opinion is of the Second Degree of Freemasonry? Whether, indeed, it has anything in it to warrant the title of "Second Degree," and if he is at all at a loss to reply, I advise him to go to the trifling expense of joining the Mark Degree, when, I think, he will conclude that that is, or should be, the Second Degree in Masonry. To me it appears to be the missing link between the First and Third Degrees.

That which is at present called the Second Degree cannot conscientiously be called a Degree at all, hence the Mark Masons, wise in their knowledge of the same, believe that Mark Masonry must at some future date be acknowledged by Grand Lodge.

I need scarcely add that the subscriptions of the Mark Degree to the Masonic Institutions are acknowledged by Grand Lodge, and their lists at the festivals very warmly appreciated.

Let Bro. Bedolfe take that to heart, and for the information he desires let him join the Degree, to see for himself as to its beauties or otherwise. We may then, perhaps, derive some intelligence from his pen, from which I conclude nought, but "grammar, good sense and truth," will flow to our united edification.

Perhaps Bro. Binckes will enlighten our brother, if not upon the subject matter in discussion, he may upon common courtesy, brotherly love, and truth.

I am, dear Sir, yours in faith and fraternally,
ECCE SIGNUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Dr. Bedolfe, who has written you a long letter sneering at the Mark Degree, does not appear to be aware that a Committee formed of members of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter recommended the acknowledgment of that Degree, and that the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1856. The reason why that portion of the minutes was not confirmed at the next meeting is well known in the Craft, although the spirit which prompted their rejection is scarcely appreciated.

Yours truly,

P.M. 533.

I believe the Grand Lodge of England stands alone in not recognising the Mark Degree.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I write as representing your many brethren of one of the lodges of which I have the honour of being a member, and in the welfare of which I with many others take deep and earnest interest.

In this interest I am asked to address this, not only for myself individually but for the Craft generally, and shall feel obliged if any of your numerous and valued correspondents will kindly give me, through the medium of your excellent paper, their opinion on the usages and etiquette of our Craft with respect to the following case.

A much respected I.P.M. of the lodge to which I have alluded, on the occasion of the last monthly meeting had important business to transact in his "private avocation," (many miles distant). He hurried home only to be in time to reach the precincts of the lodge (or rather, the ante room) during the commencement of the ceremony of closing.

Whilst waiting for admission he of course inserted his name (at the request of the Tyler) being present, ready to enter the lodge.

The question is this. Has the W.M. (after putting the minutes to the option of the brethren in open lodge) a right to say "I rule that the name be erased from the attendance book."

Yours truly and fraternally,

P. P. G. W.

[In our opinion the W.M. has the right to oversee and correct the attendance book. The question of the confirmation of the minutes is another thing. It is quite clear that the brother did not attend the lodge. Ed. F.M.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With the darkening days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood by an alterative like these Pills. They go direct to the source of the evil, thrust out all impurities from the circulation, reduce distempered organs to their natural state, and correct all defective and contaminated secretions. Such easy means of instituting health, strength, and cheerfulness should be in possession of all whose stomachs are weak, whose minds are much harassed, or whose brains are overworked. Holloway's is essentially a blood-tempering medicine, whereby its influence, reaching the remotest fibre of the frame, effects a universal good.—[ADVT.]

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL HANOVER LODGE, No. 1777.

This new lodge was consecrated on the 11th inst., at the Town Hall, Hounslow, by Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master for Middlesex. Col. Burdett was assisted by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.D.; Bros. John Boyd, P.G.P., as S.W.; Dr. F. W. Ramsay, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, as J.W.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G. Secretary, as D.C.; W. H. Barber, as Secretary; Sir Charles Bright, Dep. Prov. G.M. for Middlesex; the Rev. J. Conder, LL.D., as Chaplain, and numerous other brethren.

The complete list of brethren present was as follows:—Officers of the lodge:—H. A. Dubois, W.M.; Henry Lovegrove, S.W.; Geo. Clark, jun., J.W.; W. H. Barber, Sec.; G. J. Dunkley, Org.; Bro. Ramsey, was elected Treasurer, but was unavoidably absent.

Consecrating Officers:—R.W. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M.; Sir Charles Bright, Dep. Prov. G.M.; H. Shadwell Clerke, S.G.D.; F. W. Ramsay, S.G.W.; J. Boyd, P.G.P.; Rev. J. Conder, LL.D., Chaplain Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1; H. G. Buss, Ass. G. Sec.

Visiting brethren:—E. J. Massie, 993; Curtis, 145; C. C. Cruikshanks, 1507; Dixon, P.M. 209 P.P.D.C.; Berks and Bucks; Crawshay, 209; Newby, 73; Abbott, P.M. 218; Johnson, P.M. 855; John Blake, P.M. 8, P.G.S.; Leatham, P.M. 1216; E. W. Dubois, 1216; H. Clark, 1507; Green, P.M. 27; Dr. Whitmarsh, 145; Daniel, I.P.M. 65; Lyon, 863; Stedwell, P.P.S.G.W.; Chas. B. Payne, Grand Tyler; Woodstock and Daly, Tylers; H. Massey (Freemason.)

The musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, were executed by Bros. Taylor, Bannister, Clegg, Hobern, and Evans. Letters of apology were sent from Bros. Sir A. Woods, Kinghorn, P.M. 1507; Levander, Prov. G.S.; and others.

The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, who was assisted by the quartette party, Bros. R. Taylor, A. Bannister, W. Clegg, and W. Hobern, with Bro. G. W. Evans, as Organist and accompanist.

After opening the lodge in the Three Degrees, Col. Burdett said the brethren were assembled for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge, and it was usual at such ceremonies for the Consecrating Officer to say a few words, not only to the officers coming into office for the first time, but also to the brethren who were intending to become members of the lodge. It was hardly necessary for him to address many of the brethren, as they were so well acquainted with the principles of the Order; but still there might be a few who might derive some benefit from a short address. The brethren were all much pleased at the advances which Masonry had made during the last three or four years, those advances not having been so much in the addition of lodges, but in the class of persons who had joined the Order. It was of great advantage to Freemasonry to have in it men of position and standing. They did not wish to have large numbers of lodges or overwhelming numbers of brethren. A lodge with a large number of members was frequently a noisy lodge. It was desirable to have a small number of members and a good subscription, which would generally insure a good description of men, who would give a character to Freemasonry, to persons who were living in the neighbourhood where the lodge was situated. It was such people who were to be looked to for the support of a lodge, and he hoped that during the time the Royal Hanover Lodge was in existence in Hounslow they would find a great number of the gentry round about, and the superior class of inhabitants joining and doing credit to the lodge and Freemasonry. There were instances in which difficulties arose in lodges, more particularly in lodges which were large. In large lodges there were frequently little coteries and cabals. A small lodge was usually more united and unanimous. In a large lodge many members were desirous of wearing collars of office, and when they could not get into office they became annoyed and blackballed intending initiates only through pique. In a small lodge, if a brother found a gentleman was being brought forward as a member who was not a fit and proper person to become a member of the lodge, it was better not to blackball him, but to go previously to the Secretary quietly and inform him that if the gentleman were brought forward he would be blackballed. He might mention another suggestion which he thought was worthy of attention. In a province like Middlesex, where many gentlemen were proposed for initiation, who were brought down from London, it would be better not to bring him for initiation the same night as he was to be balloted for, because if the ballot box was not clear the proposer and seconder of the gentleman were in the awkward position of having to go out and to tell him he could not be admitted. They managed these things differently in Ireland, where a gentleman was balloted for at one meeting and initiated the next. He once saw in a neighbouring province, a gentleman who had been prepared for initiation told he could not be admitted, as some of the brethren objected, and he had to retire, as might be imagined, in a very disagreeable state of mind. All these points he thought ought to be considered, as the Order was making such great and rapid advances. They were now going to consecrate No. 1777, and he believed up to the present time there had been as many as fifty-two new lodges constituted this year. Last year there were sixty-three. Consequently there was a probability that by the time the present year was out there would be more lodges established this year than there were last year. During next year it was likely that there would be added to the roll sufficient to make up the total number to 1800. It required great knowledge, intelligence, and tact to manage such a large number of lodges. If the members of all the lodges were brought together one could imagine what an array they would form. We should hardly know what to do with

them. Still he felt that the rulers of the lodge he was now going to consecrate would do their best to keep every member within bounds for the interest of the lodge, in which case we should no doubt see the lodge soon standing high in the ranks of Freemasonry.

After the formalities following the address had been observed,

Bro. the Rev. J. Conder, in delivering the oration, said—Brethren, I am honoured on this interesting occasion by being allowed the privilege of addressing a few words to you, on a subject which is, I believe, generally the theme, because it is one in which we are all interested; the nature and principles of Masonry. I confess at starting, my fear, nay, my certainty, that I shall fail in doing justice to my subject. The brother who proposed that the honour should fall to my lot kindly suggested to me that I should, in a few words, give you my impressions and my experience of Masonry. In his suggestion he seems to have given, but in other words, the same subject—the nature and principles of Masonry. In our knowledge and our impression of Masonry we learn its nature, and to the honour of the fraternity, be it spoken, in our experience we evidence its principles. Now, brethren, I know well the surest way to affect men, to touch their hearts, is to speak to them as it were heart to heart, not lip to heart, to gather in hand, as it were, the strings binding together a common humanity, and any one so doing let him speak as feebly as he may, in simple or in eloquent terms, let his voice be high or low, harsh or sweet, he is, he must be, listened to; and so, brethren, to assure myself of a patient hearing I need only refer to my impressions of Masonry, and I am sure your hearts will go with me. For were not my impressions yours? When I speak of them do you not, are not your minds taken back to some of the most solemn moments of your lives: when by a most impressive ritual, by the simplest, and yet most beautiful, symbolism you learned step by step some of the mysteries of Masonry, something of its beauty and excellence. Your impressions were mine, I am sure they were. You felt strongly as you went through the various ceremonies, and you were constrained to exclaim almost aloud, "How beautiful! How significant! How true! How holy!" And you went forth, as I think, every English Mason must go forth from the lodge in which he was initiated, with a noble determination that Masonry should make you a better man, that you had a noble call, that you had to live up to the principles which you had heard enunciated, and which had been brought so clearly before you in the symbols and allegories which you had seen. Does not the recollection of these impressions give us some idea of the nature of which Masonry is, and how it touches our human nature. Masonry in very truth appeals very strongly to men. There are indeed traces of an universal Masonry, inasmuch that material structures have in all ages afforded illustrations and words descriptive of moral goodness. There is no language on the face of the earth which has not words more or less connected with Masonry. Men speak of the foundation of truth and integrity, of men being upright, they talk of men being true, of edifying one another. And there is one section of the community whose lives are more or less guided by rules or canons. In a similar way in our lodges we take the tools and secrets of the art of Masons, not as operative, but as speculative Masons, and apply them to our morals and to our whole lives. And what a debt we owe to those wise men of old, those noble men and true, who investigated the inner hearts as it were, and brought together the teaching which will be handed down from generation to generation till time shall be no more. The Mason goes forth from his lodge to practice the principles he learnt in it. Therefore, the brethren who have come forward and sought and obtained permission to found this Royal Hanover Lodge, all honour be to them, they have started a noble work, and they deserve well of every member of the Craft. They bring forward the great truths we have learned that others may be enlightened as well, that others may go forth to show their principles in their actions and in being true friends; true men show themselves true Masons, advancing in every social virtue, exercising charity in assisting the distressed, knowing their country's laws; worthy as citizens, worthy as men; with such principles as these Masons must be and will be honoured. Now all the world wonders at the progress of the Craft; wonders! and when men wonder, despite some scepticism they may show at one time or another, what is good and true they will ultimately admire, for they cannot but acknowledge that the man who sets before him a standard of excellence, and endeavours to live up to it, is a better man than he who is contented with a common mediocrity. Masons, we have a noble work, as our art has been honoured by the highest in the land in time past so I believe will it be honoured in time to come. May its principles be adhered to more and more closely, and when our work here is done may our good names be enrolled in the great lodge above ruled over by the One True Great Master.

The lodge was then consecrated according to ancient form, and at the conclusion of the ceremony, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., at the request of Colonel Burdett, took the chair, and installed Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.M., as W.M. of the lodge, who thereupon proceeded with the instalment of his officers.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Colonel Burdett, Sir Charles Bright, H. G. Buss, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Rev. J. Conder, LL.D., Dr. Ramsey, and John Boyd, who were also elected honorary members of the lodge, the W.M., in proposing the resolution, stating that the brethren would always feel glad to see them whenever they might be disposed to visit the lodge.

Colonel Burdett, in acknowledging the compliment, said honorary members were always pleased to visit the lodges, and come again among the brethren; but although the members were always glad to see them, and extended to them a hearty reception, the honorary members did not

like to put the lodge to the expense of entertaining them. There was no question that it was an expense, and it was desirable to keep the lodge funds in as prosperous a state as possible.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren were conveyed by omnibus to Richmond, where a choice banquet was prepared for them at the Greyhound.

After the banquet, the customary list of toasts were honoured, and Colonel Shadwell Clerke responded for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Buss, replying for "The Consecrating Officers," said it had been stated that all the Consecrating Officers came to consecrate the lodge with a great deal of pleasure, seeing that the Province of Middlesex was in a very prosperous condition. Middlesex was a new province, and at the time it was first formed, there were but six lodges in it. There were now twenty-eight. This was a great advance, seeing that London penetrated so far into the province. As it was they were obliged to cross the water and come into the London district to have a banquet. Richmond was in the London district, and having to come to Richmond from Middlesex to get a dinner, showed what disadvantages Middlesex was under, and how much more creditable it was to it that it had so many lodges. In the programme of toasts the toast of "The Consecrating Officers" was accompanied by the Shakesperian quotation, "You have made good work, you and your apron men." He was sure that in coming to consecrate the lodge it must be patent to all that they had done what they could to bring a new lodge into existence, and he hoped it would be considered that they had done good apron work. The Provincial Grand Master had done good apron work, for ever since he had been Prov. G. Master it had been his desire to promote the interest of the province. He had never been backward in doing it, and that evening he had given fresh evidence of his desire to bring credit on the province. How far he had been assisted in his work by the officers it was for the brethren of the lodge to say. With the assistance of Dr. Ramsay, Col. Shadwell Clerke, and the Rev. J. Conder, he had been able to give éclat to the proceedings. The Rev. Chaplain had performed his duties in a way which he had never seen excelled. The address was an excellent one, and he thought that, launched with so much éclat, Lodge No. 1777 must prove a success.

Col. Burdett proposed "The Health of the W.M." They had had the pleasure of placing in the chair a brother whom they all highly respected, and who they were confident would carry out the duties of the lodge in a manner, not only creditable to the lodge, but to the province also. He was sure that the lodge under his direction would bring credit on the Order. The brethren had seen what the W.M. was able to do. He had proved himself in every way to be a worthy brother to those who knew him, and he would also prove himself an excellent Master to those whom he would have to initiate in the Craft. He not only was anxious to perform the duties he undertook, but he performed them in a way which must redound to the honour of the Order.

The W.M., in reply, said that when he joined the province of Middlesex he entered into his duties heart and soul. He had had the pleasure of subscribing to two very prominent lodges in London, but nevertheless, Middlesex was the province to which he gave his Masonic adherence. He had passed two chairs in the province. He was the Secretary of a lodge of which Sir Charles Bright had just left the chair, now filled by Dr. Ramsay. The Royal Hanover was the fourth lodge he was a subscribing member to in the province. He mentioned these circumstances to show that his heart was in the province. It was a province which was so near to London that it might almost be said to be in London itself. They were proposing the toasts in the London district, and he was very glad of it; not that he wished to detach himself from Middlesex, but the neighbourhood of Hounslow was so badly off for places of entertainment that they were obliged to go for their dinner to Richmond. All work and no play, they were taught at the school, makes Jack a dull boy, and he believed that in Masonry it was equally true, and that the brethren should take refreshment after labour. He did not mean to say that if they met ten times a year they should have a banquet each time, but he thought they might dine one half of those times. He held also that hospitality was very desirable, and Masons must often have experienced this virtue when going from town to town. He thought it well that lodges should foster this virtue. In conclusion, he hoped that the Royal Hanover Lodge would become A1 in the province.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, S.W., replied for "The Officers," and Bros. Whitmarsh and Larham for "The Visitors," shortly after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren returned to town.

The musical brethren, Bros. G. S. Graham, R. Taylor, A. Bannister, W. Clegg, W. Hoborn, and G. W. Evans, entertained the brethren with some pleasing music during the intervals between the toasts.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The Freemasons of North and East Yorkshire held their annual Grand Lodge on the 10th inst., at Beverley. The gathering took place at Richmond last year, and now Beverley has been honoured. The event proved a red letter day in the history of the town, which is in every way appropriate for the assembling of an historical fraternity. Although the business of the Grand Lodge did not commence until two o'clock in the afternoon, all the early trains brought up Masonic visitors, who occupied themselves for a few hours by inspecting the Minster and St. Mary's Church, as well as other objects of antiquarian

interest. The Minster was the chief attraction, more especially as Bro. Stephenson, of the Beverley Lodge, well-known for his antiquarian researches, had acceded to a request to give a verbal description of the leading features of the building. Increased interest was given to the morning's proceedings by a recital on the organ, given by Bro. Camidge, organist of the Minster. The organ is a grand old instrument, by the famous builder Snetsler, and it was heard to great advantage on the occasion, the organist having made a delightful selection of music, which was highly appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be present. All the selections were of a contemplative character, Handel's overture to "Samson" being the first number. The next was one of Batiste's quiet Andantes, the one in E minor. This was played in fine taste, showing a judicious blending of the stops. No. 3 was Mendelssohn's "Cornelius' March," a fine sparkling theme, bringing out the more prominent stops of the instrument. The next number was an Andante movement by Smart, whose name is a sufficient guarantee for graceful melody and pure harmony. The organist led up to this movement by a pretty extemporaneous passage or two. The two next selections were specially interesting. The first comprised the movements moderato and allegro from Corelli, adapted no doubt from the instrumental writings of this famous composer, who died in 1713. The other number was Schumann's "Ich Crolle Nicht." A selection from Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" was the next number on the programme, but at the last moment the organist changed it for Haydn's representation of "Chaos." The concluding piece was Bach's Prelude and Fugue in D, and with this the visit of the Freemasons to the Minster terminated, and the fraternity wended their way to the Assembly Rooms to hold their Grand Lodge. The entire suite of rooms was engaged. The principal rooms were decorated with flowers, plants, and Masonic flags and emblems.

Every lodge in the province was well represented. Prior to opening the Grand Lodge the Board of Benevolence held a long sitting, and considered several applications for assistance from widows of Freemasons and necessitous brethren. Several grants were passed and the claims of candidates—boys and girls—for admission to the schools were carefully investigated, and resolutions to support the most deserving passed.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the Provincial Grand Master, presided over the Grand Lodge, and was supported by Bros. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, J. Pearson Bell, M.D., J.P.; Hon. W. T. Ord Powlett; Major Woodall, and others. The following brethren were installed Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Sir Charles Legard, Bart., M.P., Ganton	Hall	Prov. S.G.W.
Charles Norman, Richmond	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. Lewis Heath, M.A., Newland	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Richard W. Hollon, York	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Joseph Todd, York	...	Prov. G. Reg.
M. C. Peck, Hull	...	Prov. G. Sec.
John H. Emes, Hull	...	Prov. S.G.D.
J. T. Atkinson, Selby	...	Prov. J.G.D.
Alfred W. Ansell, Hull	...	Prov. G. S. of W.
Thomas B. Whythead, York	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
Benjamin L. Wells, Hornsea	...	Prov. G.S.B.
John Camidge, Mus. Bac., Beverley	...	Prov. G. Org.
J. Ward, York	...	Prov. G. Purs.
T. Crier, Hull	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A committee was appointed for the purpose of increasing the support given to the several Masonic Charities in the province, and it was announced by the Grand Master that the Provincial Lodge next year would be held in York, on the invitation of the Eboracum Lodge. About 120 brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, who in the course of the proceedings thanked the officers and brethren of the Constitutional Lodge, Beverley, for the handsome hospitality with which the Grand Lodge had been received.—*Yorkshire Gazette.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, the 4th inst. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., Prov. G.M. of the province, presided, and he was supported by a large number or Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, and some few Grand Officers of England, whose brilliant regalia presented an imposing appearance on the raised dais.

The following were the Provincial Officers present.—Bros. J. H. Scott, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Joseph Dixon, P.M. 271, Prov. S.G.W.; C. P. Henty, P.M. 38, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, S.W. 38, Prov. G. Chaplain; R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Treas.; C. A. Woolley, P.M. 311, Prov. G. Registrar; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732, Prov. G. Sec.; T. S. Byass, P.M. 1465, Prov. S.G.D.; T. H. Crouch, W.M. 851, Prov. J.G.D.; J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732, Prov. G.D. of C.; C. Sandeman, P.M. 315, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; A. King, 271, Prov. G. Organist; Jos. Farncombe, P.M. 311, Prov. G. Steward; W. T. Nell, P.M. 315, Prov. G. Steward; W. G. Sharp, P.M. 1141, Prov. G. Steward; Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. John Hervey, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, Sir Albert Woods, and many other brethren of eminence in the Craft.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the annual meeting, held at Brighton, Sept. 18th, last year, were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Secretary called over the roll of the lodges in the province, and all were found to be represented except the Battle Lodge. He also read the Prov. G. Treas-

urer's report and statement of accounts, also the report of the Board of Finance, both of which showed a very satisfactory state of things in spite of unusual expenses during the year. On the motion of Bro. Hallett these reports were adopted and ordered to be printed and circulated among the members.

The Prov. G. Secretary also presented a return showing the strength of the various lodges in the province up to the 30th June, which showed that sixty-seven were initiated, fifty-eight joined, and that there were 828 members belonging to the twenty lodges in the province.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master addressed the brethren after the report of the Charity Committee had been presented. He said he was gratified to learn that through their exertions they had been successful in securing the election of two boys to the Masonic School. Observing, as he had done in the *Freemason* (the organ of the Craft) what had been done in London towards assisting the Charities, he felt that in the province of Sussex some further effort must be made by the brethren if they wished to retain any chance of returning local candidates. He suggested the formation in each lodge of a charity fund to which each brother should subscribe a small sum weekly or monthly as they might decide. As they accumulated funds the subscribers might draw lots for precedence in obtaining life governorships to one or more of the Masonic Charities, and by this means a vast amount of good might be done without its incurring any appreciable expense on the brethren. (Applause.) In conclusion, he stated that he had appointed Bro. J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Sussex by patent; therefore, there would be no necessity to go through the ceremony each year. He then proceeded to invest the following as his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

W. Sergison...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
J. St. Clair ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. E. Cave-Brown-Cave ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
C. A. Woolley ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
V. P. Freeman ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Hale ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
Mark Tanner ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
C. Tomkinson ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Kidd ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
W. G. Sharpe ...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Jos. Farncombe ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
A. King ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
W. T. Nell ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.

G. S. Evershed, E. Bright, F. J. Rubie, A. J. Hawkes, F. Holford, and S. B. McWhinnie ... Prov. G. Stwds.

Bro. Crosskey was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hughes re-appointed Tyler.

Having completed the ceremony of investment, Sir Walter Burrell returned thanks to his past officers for the manner in which they had rallied round him during the year, especially on occasions of his visiting the various lodges in the province. He fully hoped to have the same attention from those just appointed. During the past year no less than nineteen members of the various Sussex lodges had been called from this sublunary sphere, and he regretted to find that among them were several distinguished Masons whose memory required a passing word from him. Among them were Bro. Cunningham, an ardent lover of the Craft, and a skillful worker therein, Bro. Fabian, P.G. Supt. of Works, Bro. Whitefield, Master of the Hartington Lodge, Eastbourne, Bro. Ade, and many others. Referring to Masonry generally, he said the chief occurrence of the year was one of great regret. He referred to the defection of the Grand Orient of France, which, by setting aside all obligations to the Great Architect of the Universe, had put themselves outside true Masonry. He must, therefore, beg of lodge officers to be very careful before receiving a visiting French brother to ascertain whether he was a believer in the Almighty. That very thing had occurred before opening lodge that day, and he was pleased to know that the visiting brother had expressed his conviction, and was thereupon admitted among them. (Cheers.)

Bro. Trollope, P.G.S.W., thanked the Prov. G.M. for his kind remarks with respect to the late Bro. Dr. Cunningham, and stated the intention of his old friends to erect a monument over his remains, towards the expenses of which he hoped the brethren would subscribe, as Bro. Cunningham was well known and deservedly respected by a large number of brethren in the province.

The business of the Prov. Grand Lodge having been concluded at five o'clock, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a sumptuous banquet was supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks, Western-road. The room was tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens by Bro. W. T. Nell. Over 100 guests were present, a larger number than for several years. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, presided, and he was supported by Bros. J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Shadwell Clerke, G.G.D. of England; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary of England; Kuhe, P.G. Organist of England; W. R. Wood, P.G. Steward of England; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; E. W. Tuffley, P.P.J.W. Notts and Hants; J. J. Eastes, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Kent; G. Bishop, 231; H. Jepp, P.P.S.G.W. Gloucester; Parker, P.M. 34; W. Hilton, P.M. 1351; G. A. Littlewood, P.M. 780; W. Hamilton, P.M. 34; G. Wilson, P.M. 1351; W. Steward, P.M. 1351, and a large number of brethren.

At the conclusion of the dinner grace was sung by Bros. Montem Smith, George Fox, T. Baxter and W. Roe, and throughout the evening they gave a very excellent selection of Music. Bro. A. King, Prov. Grand Organist, and Bro. W. Devin, P. Prov. Grand Organist, accompanied the vocal pieces, and Bro. Kuhe (P.G. Organist of England) favoured the company with one of his brilliant solos on the pianoforte.

The usual loyal and Craft toasts having been heartily drunk, Bro. Shadwell Clerke gave "The Health of the

Provincial Grand Master of Sussex," eulogising him for the zeal he had shown in the discharge of his duties. He succeeded a nobleman who was well and worthily esteemed, and therefore the task was of a somewhat onerous character. He expressed a hope that Sir Walter might long be spared to discharge the duties of his important office. (Applause.)

The R.W. Prov. G. Master, in acknowledging the toast, said he had, during his brief year of office, visited 14 out of the 20 lodges in the province, and he hoped shortly to be able to visit the rest. He trusted he should be long spared to occupy his present proud position and to have the happiness of frequently meeting the brethren. He was greatly obliged to his officers for the way in which they had rallied around him on all occasions. Might they meet for many years in peace, happiness and brotherly love. (Cheers.)

Bro. Mayall (Mayor of Brighton) proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge." He spoke in flattering terms of their Masonic virtues and their assiduity in discharging their duties.

Bro. J. H. Scott, in reply, said that during the past twelve months the G.M. had taken all the duties upon himself, visiting nearly every lodge, and bringing each one up to the mark. He expressed a hope that the volume of the Sacred Law would ever be found open in their lodges, and that the feelings of brotherly love, relief and truth might ever reign among them. (Applause.)

The Prov. G.S. Warden (Bro. Sergison) also acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. C. A. Woolley gave "The Visitors," coupled with the names of the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Kent and the Mayor of Brighton, both of whom responded in general terms of thanks.

Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G.S., proposed "The Health of the W.Ms. of the Province," coupled with the names of Bro. Wyatt (Chichester), and Bro. St. Clair (Bognor), who responded.

Bro. W. H. Hallett proposed "The Stewards," and expressed his thanks to these brethren who had so well and successfully catered for their enjoyment that evening. They had very efficiently discharged the duties of their office.

To this toast Bro. Jos. Farncombe (Lewes) responded, also Bro. Nell (Brighton) and Bro. Sharp (Horsham).

The Prov. G.M. complimented the Stewards not only on the excellent dinner, but the very capital music which had been provided, and great credit was due to Bro. Devin for the admirable arrangements which he had made, as the music had tended greatly towards the enjoyment of the evening. (Applause.)

The proceedings, which were throughout of a most enjoyable character, were brought to a close about ten o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland and Berwick was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at Alnwick, under the banner of the Alnwick Lodge, 1167. The lodge was opened at two o'clock, in the Corn Exchange, when the attendance of brethren was the largest which has ever taken place in the province.

The Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, occupied the chair, being surrounded by the Grand Officers of the province.

The Grand Secretary (Bro. B. T. Thompson) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed.

The Treasurer (Bro. Anderson) read the financial statement, showing that the income of the Grand Lodge during the year was £437, and the expenditure £220; £1200 was invested in bonds, and the interest paid annually to the Treasurer.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee, recommending that £84 should be granted towards Masonic Charities, and £95 towards various local charities in the province. The report was unanimously agreed to.

The reports of the various lodges were then read, all of which showed that each lodge was in a prosperous condition, and had during the past year worked harmoniously together.

The G.M. said he could not say that the number of Masons in the province had increased during the past year; in fact, Masonry had been stationary. When he presided at the Grand Lodge last year, the number of Masons in the province was 1563, whereas this year the number was 1545, being a loss since last year of 18. Still he considered that Masonry was in a prosperous condition.

On the motion of Bro. Davis, Bro. Anderson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to him for his past services.

The following brethren were then appointed Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

- A. Robertson Prov. G.S.W.
- B. Ridsdale Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. G. Robinson Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Anderson Prov. G. Treas.
- G. Cockburn Prov. G. Reg.
- B. T. Thompson Prov. G. Sec.
- J. Bolam Prov. G.S.D.
- John Harkess Prov. G.J.D.
- J. A. Forbes Prov. G.S. of W.
- Davis Prov. G.D.C.
- S. Hughes Prov. G.A.D.C.
- T. S. Rule Prov. G. Swd. B.
- B. Hall Prov. G. Org.
- R. C. Armstrong Prov. G. Purs.
- J. Taylor Prov. G.A. Purs.
- G. Currie Prov. G. Tyler.

This concluded the business, and the Prov. G.M. having addressed a few words to his Past Grand Officers and those whom he had that day appointed, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Afterwards, the brethren proceeded to Alnwick Castle, where, on the invitation of the Prov. G.M., and by permission of the Duke of Northumberland, they dined together. Upwards of 700 sat down to dinner, which was served up in the banquetting hall.

The Prov. G.M. on entering the room, was received with honours, and Bro. Davis having stated that her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland was in the gallery, three times three cheers were given.

Grace was sung by a number of the children from the Duchess of Northumberland's school. Grace was also sung after dinner, and his lordship gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen," which was drunk with all the honours.

His lordship next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," which was received with enthusiasm.

The Prov. G.M., Earl Percy, M.P., then gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W.D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," characterising Lord Carnarvon as a kind friend, a wise adviser, and one who had the interests of Freemasonry at heart. (Cheers.)

The V.W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. Cockcroft) gave "The Health of the Prov. G.M., Earl Percy," which was received with the most vociferous cheering.

His Lordship, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure, before vacating the chair—"no, no"—of seeing the Provincial Grand Lodge assemble in Alnwick for the first time since he had occupied the chair. (Applause.) Alluding to what he characterised as a lurking notion that he had copied the example of the Marquis of Ripon—"no, no, no"—he took the opportunity, in the presence of so large an assemblage of the Freemasons of Northumberland, of saying in the most explicit terms that there was not the shadow of a foundation for such reports—(cheers)—and that he was not a Roman Catholic. (Great cheering.)

There was nothing to be ashamed of in anyone becoming a Roman Catholic, or in joining any religious denomination, but there was in being afraid to avow it. He repeated he was not a Roman Catholic, and, please God, he never would be. (Great cheering, the whole assembly rising and waving their handkerchiefs.) He again mentioned this, so that if any one of them heard the story repeated he would be able to contradict it. (Cheers.) In conclusion, he hoped they would never have occasion to regret his occupying that station. (Cheers.) Several other toasts followed.

DUBLIN MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

We have been kindly favoured by our esteemed Bro. William Frazer, F.R.C.S.F., L.K.Q.C.I., &c., &c., of Dublin, and P.M. 494, with the following description of the really handsome medal which has been struck for the prizes in this Institution:—

The medal is of silver. The obverse represents King Solomon consulting with Hiram on the building of the Temple. The king is represented seated, Hiram standing opposite to him, both having their hands placed on a plan of the Temple spread before them, and at Solomon's side are seen his shield and sword, the latter being of the peculiar leaf shape, common in early times with all the primitive races who employed bronze weapons, and which are so well-known to Irish antiquarians from their frequent occurrence amongst the collections of our early antiquities. Both these figures are appropriately draped in flowing robes and crowned, behind them are represented pillars of the Temple and a pyramid of hewn stones, and above the king is a festooned curtain.

In the engraving of the medal is read "1 Chron. xxii." The reverse contains a blank space, reserved for the intended inscription (the boy's name, date, etc.), around this are disposed two symbolic wreaths, one consisting of a branch of the tree acacia (acacia meliolic), the meaning of which every Mason will understand, its leaflets are all disposed so that each leaf looks upwards, and its round flower buds are visible, emblematic of life and hope. The other consists of a wreath of olive leaves to denote the student's victory and its reward.

The Masonic emblems of the compass and square form a suitable junction of the wreaths beneath. Around the outside of these wreaths is inscribed "Masonic Orphan Boys' School, Ireland."

To those familiar with medals it will be sufficient to say, that it measures four minutes scale, or it may be described as being about two inches in diameter.

This medal, by Bro. John Woodhouse, the well-known die sinker of Dublin, who, a few years ago, it will be remembered, designed an equally beautiful medal for the Irish Masonic Female Orphan School.

The Editor of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book" will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries or members of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, etc., of any change in place or day of meeting since January last.

The City Press of Wednesday last, contained ed list of the Shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank.

The license for Music and Dancing was renewed to Bro. John Oliver of the Surrey Masonic Hall at the Surrey Sessions on Thursday.

Bro. John Douglass, proprietor of the Standard Theatre, was installed as W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, on Wednesday last.

The following reply has been sent by the Prince of Wales to an address presented to him on Saturday by the Freemasons of Alloa:—"To Thomas Milne, Esq., M.D., St. John's Lodge, No. 69, of Freemasons, Alloa, N.B.—Balmoral Hotel, 91, Princes-street, Edinburgh.—Mr. Knowles is desired by the Prince and Princess of Wales to thank the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 69, of Alloa for their address, and for the kind sentiments which they expressed towards their Royal Highnesses and the members of their family. The Prince wishes to take this opportunity to state the great satisfaction which he experienced in finding himself in a position to accept of the appointment of Patron of the Freemasons of Scotland. —October 12, 1878."

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by General Sir Deighton Probyn, Colonel Ellis, Mr. F. Knollys, and Miss Knollys, left Marlborough House shortly after 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening for Paris, in order to attend the distribution of prizes in connection with the International Exhibition. Their Royal Highnesses drove to the Charing-cross Station of the South Eastern Railway, where they were received by the Hon. J. Byng (deputy chairman), Mr. R. Withers (director), and Mr. John Shaw, manager and secretary of the line. The special train, which consisted of an engine, two saloon and several other carriages, quitted Charing-cross at 8.20 p.m., and travelling via Tunbridge Junction, Ashford, and Folkestone, arrived at the Admiralty Pier, Dover, at 10.5 p.m., where their Royal Highnesses at once embarked on board this special steamer Maid of Kent for Calais. The address of the English exhibitors and jurors to the Prince of Wales will be presented at the Royal Pavilion on Tuesday morning next.

The Queen's prizes were distributed at the Guildhall on Friday night the 4th inst., to the successful students of the metropolitan drawing classes. The Lord Mayor presided. After an address from Mr. Buckmaster, Bro. the Duke of Connaught, who presented the prizes, said—"My Lord Mayor, ladies, and gentlemen,—It is at all times a most gratifying task to distribute the prizes for merit, and it is especially so when they are well earned. It enhances their value when we all remember that they required hard work and close attention, for the prizes of the science and art and technical class schools are not easily won, and the examiners insist upon maintaining a high standard of work, and this is especially the case with the Queen's prizes. To obtain them, two things are required—diligence on the part of the pupil and skilfulness on that of the teacher. The results of the present examination have been most successful, and nowhere in the kingdom have they been more so than in the metropolitan classes. In the drawing section alone the metropolitan drawing classes have carried away one-fifth of the drawing prizes awarded the whole kingdom. A certain amount of self-denial is required for men who have worked hard all day to study in the evening, but this adds immensely to their credit and places them at once on a higher level than those who have not availed themselves of those opportunities. I must congratulate the working men of London on having those opportunities of improving themselves in a thorough knowledge of their craft, and on so many of them having taken the opportunities of doing so. The results on this occasion are most satisfactory, and I feel that we must all be aware of the immense amount of good that these classes are doing in this great metropolis. I feel that I should not be doing my duty if I did not express how highly I appreciate the zeal, the energy, and the ability that have been shown by Mr. Busbridge and others in their work. It must be most gratifying to him and those who work with him and under him to see how their labours have been crowned with success. It is to be hoped that these successful results may continue, and that year by year they will take increased interest in this important work." The prizes were then presented.

Bro. John Dodson, W.M. 55, S.W. 1589, has been elected Master of the Weelwrights' Company.

A friend of mine has among the primest possessions of his house a stout box, five feet long by four feet deep. This is filled with the choicest Trichinopoly cheroots, to which a peculiar flavour is added by the recollection of the fact that they have never paid duty. The flavour was acquired thus: When my friend arrived in Southampton, he fell into the hands of an exceptionally austere Custom House officer. The man insisted upon rooting everywhere, diligently examining boxes innocent of contraband contents, and poking the bed to discover in the mattress probable layers of tobacco. Coming in due course to the box containing cigars, he curtly asked, "What's in this?" "Tobacco," said the traveller from the far East. The Custom House officer turned upon him a withering glance. Here was a man indulging in untimely jests with a responsible officer of H.M. Customs! With an angry snort the offended dignitary hurriedly scribbled a cabalistic mark on the box, and passed on to the next luggage. So the chest came ashore duly passed, and duty free.

The directors of the Crystal Palace announce that they are prepared to receive proposals for lighting the concert room and one other portion of the building with the electric light.

A French Flying Machine has been invented by an Oregon electrician. The machine is egg-shaped, made of sheet-iron, measures 8 feet by 5 feet at its greatest diameter, and is to be propelled by electricity produced by a generator of 200 horse-power. The inventor declares that electricity will carry the traveller from New York to San Francisco in ten minutes.

Reports of the following lodges stand over, 209, 1044, 00, 1624, 1695, 1713, 241, 1094, 43, 9, 1076, 1381, 36; Chapters, 619, 185.

THE MADRAS DISTRICT.

(Communiqué.)

Some natural irritation has been felt by many of the brethren in Southern India, in consequence of the part played by District Grand Lodge, or at least by some of the officials of that body since the demise of the late D.G.M., V.W. Bro. John Miller. It would appear that soon after the chair of D.G.M. became vacant, an influential body of Masons, supported by the whole strength of the Bangalore Lodge, which is, undoubtedly, far away the largest and most flourishing lodge of the district, if not of the whole of India itself, submitted to H. R. H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the name of a very distinguished brother whose lengthened service in the Craft, great experience and universal popularity, rendered him peculiarly fitted to assume the reins of Masonic government in Southern India. This memorial met the approval of the lodges at Bellary, Trichinopoly, Wellington, Mysore, Pallamattah, and the Mount Lodge, Madras, &c., &c. These proceedings seem to have been viewed with a very jealous eye by the D.G.L., and an attempt was made to shew that the proceedings of the Bangalore Committee, as it was called, were illegal and utterly unmasonic.

Early in May, at the very hottest season of the year, when a railway journey was positively dangerous to life, a meeting of D.G.L. at Madras was summoned, and the name of another brother, very intimately connected with District Grand Lodge, was brought forward, and a resolution passed that this brother's name should be submitted to H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, as the nominee of D.G.L. At this meeting of D.G.L. not a single Mason from the country was present, save two or three brethren from Bangalore. To the proceedings of this meeting a protest was recorded by the Bangalore Committee, and within a fortnight or so, the same was forwarded to London.

Much about this time, or very soon after, a letter dated 4th May, 1878, was received by the D.G. Secretary from the Grand Secretary. Upwards of two months and a half were allowed to pass, when, suddenly, in the middle of August, a circular letter was forwarded to all the lodges of the district, signed by the D.G. Secretary. This letter specially pleaded for the support of the W.Ms., P.Ms., and Wardens of the lodges, in favour of the District Grand Lodge nominee, and added that this was done in compliance with a letter from G.L., a copy of which appeared in another page.

The G. Secretary's letter was dated 4th May, and after acknowledging receipt of information of the death of the late D.G.M., desired that the sentiments of the various lodges should be taken as to the nomination of a brother, to enable the M.W. the Grand Master to arrive at a just conclusion in the election of a successor to the late D.G.M. Naturally everybody asked—why was the Grand Secretary's letter kept so long pigeon-holed? Why were the orders of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master treated with such utter indifference and want of respect?

It certainly does seem clear that if the orders from Grand Lodge had met with a ready compliance H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master would long ere this have been in a position to exercise his prerogative with that care and judgment which has ever characterised his choice for these appointments, and a considerable amount of local unpleasantness would have been spared.

We do not wish to pass any harsh or hasty opinion on this matter; no doubt some explanation may be forthcoming, but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that District Grand Lodges, more especially in distant countries, are liable to get into a groove out of which it is difficult to move them. They are, we think, too prone to think too much of their own immediate interests, to the detriment of the welfare and interests of the various subordinate lodges, and if, as in the case in point, the appointment of D.G.M. has always been looked upon as a vested right of the presiding town, we shall not be sorry if the M.W. the Grand Master thinks it desirable to change the current of the stream, and infuse new blood and more widely extended experience into the Government of so important a district as that of Southern India.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 25, 1878.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green, N.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Ct.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
- Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
- " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.
- Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.

- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
- " 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
- " 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
- " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.
- " 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.
- " 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- " 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch. Consetn.
- Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- Three Bucks, Islington, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
- Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

- Lodge of Benevolence.
- " 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
- " 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st., W.
- " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., Southwark.
- Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Wm.-st., Woolwich.
- " 753, Prince Frederick William, St. John's Wood.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
- La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
- Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
- Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
- United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.
- " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- " 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 766, Wm. Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25.

- Lodge 569, FitzRoy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art. Com., City-rd.
- " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
- Unions Emulation (for M.M.s), F.M.H.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
- Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
- Burgoync, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.

- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 26, 1878.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverston.
- Bverton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
- " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- " 1052, Callender, Public Hot., Rusholme.
- Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
- Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25.

- Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hot., Liverpool.

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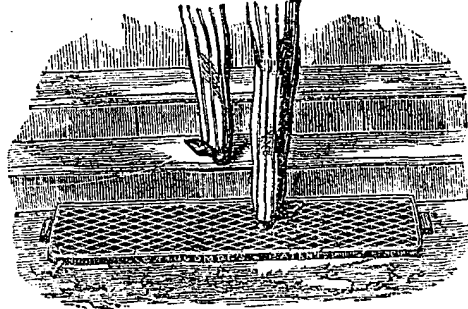
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